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In Passing, DeCosta Leaves Abiding Love for Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

The untimely passing of John DeCosta, a 58-year-old man who dedicated his life to his family, friends, and in service to the hometown he loved, sent shockwaves through Mattapoisett on April 29.

On April 13 at the beginning of the Board of Selectmen's meeting, DeCosta spoke directly to the townspeople, assuring them that although he was facing health issues, he was fully capable of carrying out the duties of the office. He kept that promise working on behalf of the town, attending his last meeting on April 27.

DeCosta had been well entrenched for many years in the issues facing the town through his volunteer work on the Capital Planning Committee. He also served as chairman of the Community Preservation Act for many years and was a member of the Open Space and Recreation Committee. But it wasn't all he hoped to do for the town. Becoming a selectman, as his father and namesake had before him, was for DeCosta a lifelong dream. On June 16, 2020 it became a reality.

DeCosta understood the complexities of local government, not only through the 21 years he observed his father in that role, all the late nights, all the people that came seeking assistance, the art of compromise and cooperation, but also as a volunteer dealing with contemporary town government. As his wife Marianne confirmed, "He understood what he was getting into, but he wanted to do it."

Reaching out to those who knew DeCosta best through his volunteer work, the consensus is that here was a man who gave of himself all his life.

"I knew his dad and John was just like him," said former Town Administrator Mike Gagne. "He was a gentleman who came from a family with a strong work ethic.

"John was a founding member of the Capital Planning Committee. He listened carefully and always,

On the Cover: *The Serene lobster fishing boat owned by Sam Nicolosi sits peacefully in its winter home. During the summer months, Serene is moored in Mattapoisett Harbor when it's not working the waters off Martha's Vineyard. Lobster fishing has been part of the New England way of life for decades. A 1911 report written by the Commission on Fisheries and Game noted that lobsters were believed to reach as long as 4 feet. Other details noted in the 1911 report included the eating habits of lobster as thriving on living or dead animal matter and a "notoriously cannibalistic nature at all ages." Early photographs show that an immature lobster is fully formed but as tiny as an ant. Lobsters need time to mature before successfully breeding, which generally happens between the ages of 4 and 7. Amazingly, they can live up to 50 years and beyond, possibly leaving many thousands of progenies behind. Photo by Marilou Newell*

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always had the best interest of the town as his guide. Through his contributions on that committee, he was critical in the town's ability to receive a triple-A bond rating with its 10-year planning mapped out." Gagne recalled DeCosta's work on the Community Preservation Committee, saying, "John always did his homework." Gagne also said that John, along with Conservation Agent Liz Leidhold, drafted an Open Space and Recreation document that he described as a voluminous document that helped the town apply for grants.

Gagne said that DeCosta returned to the Capital Planning Committee after a short absence when asked to assist a new slate of members. "I needed someone there who had experience and knowledge. He came back willingly and worked tirelessly for the community. He worked right up to the end." Gagne said that DeCosta typified the adage: "We can agree to disagree, but we don't have to be disagreeable."

Chuck McCullough enjoyed a more than a 25-year relationship with DeCosta. He shared, "John was a true public servant holding Mattapoisett close to his heart." McCullough said that, in spite of DeCosta's health issues, "The needs of the town were at the top of his list of priorities – a selfless man." McCullough said that DeCosta's institutional knowledge of the fire and police departments was a great asset to the Capital Planning Committee when reviewing the public safety departments' need for equipment and training. "He was their advocate."

With a smile, McCullough said that DeCosta could be found on summer evenings sitting in Shipyard Park with members of the community sharing "remember when" stories and listening to the concerns of the residents. "He loved to be with the people."

An attempt to appropriately memorialize someone who was so fondly thought of is already in the works. Melody Pacheco, who has known the DeCosta family for decades, said, "We're going to put a bench in Shipyard Park where he liked to sit and talk to people." She said of

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her long history with DeCosta, "He was a caring human being and he wanted to work for the community – he got his chance." She believes his legacy of service will live on as an example to others.

DeCosta's accomplishments include a 21-year career with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, advancing to park superintendent of Scusset Beach State Reservation. He spent 15 years with the Mattapoisett Water Department and was a member of the Mattapoisett Fire Department for 17 years. DeCosta was also recognized as Man of The Year in 2016 by *The Standard Times*. He volunteered taking up various tasks during Harbor Days sponsored by the Lions Club and in the winter during the town's Holiday in the Park. McCullough added to the list, saying DeCosta had spent years coordinating the band concerts in the summertime at the gazebo.

As his family moves through the process of saying goodbye to their beloved husband, father, and brother, Marianne said, "His only regret was not being able to complete his term as selectman. He loved it. He was surprised by how much he actually enjoyed it." And of that last meeting, just hours before his passing, she said, "It

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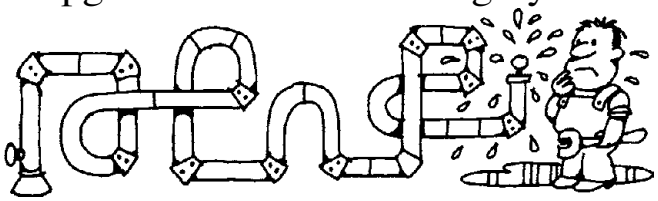
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was something he needed to do."

Rochester Gets Third CARES check

By Mick Colageo

Plymouth County Commissioner Jared Valanzola and County Treasurer Tom O'Brien were in Rochester on April 30 to present Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar a check for $113,132.25, the town's third COVID-19 reimbursement check under the CARES Act.

The funds cover approximately $60,000 for Rochester's contribution to the school lunch program, the message board in town, and various types of personal protective equipment related to non-budgeted, pandemic-related expenses. Rochester's total allocation under the CARES Act is $825,000; the town has made five submittals for reimbursement, two that are outstanding.

"We've been able to function because of this money," said Szyndlar. "We are extremely grateful, and we thank everyone for working so hard on our behalf."

The program is administered locally by Plymouth County and spends less than 1 percent for administration, according to O'Brien.

"We can do that because of our towns.... I can pick up the phone and call," he said. "I know how hard Suzanne and her team work. They were faced with a vast number of rules and regulations that they had to address immediately, and we recognize, as the commissioners stepped up to the plate, they needed some support.

"The commissioners took a bold step and took the $90 million that was authorized under the (federal) CARES Act to administer to 27 communities of Plymouth County."

O'Brien estimates that towns applying for CARES Act COVID-related reimbursement funds have received more than twice as much funding as those communities that declined and opted to deal directly with the state. He publicly thanked Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representative William Straus for their support of the county-administered program that offers more direct and immediate communication and a more widespread management.

"A worldwide pandemic is something that we never thought we would be persisting over a year later, but here we are," said Valanzola. "I know Plymouth County; both my predecessor board and the current board have been happy to offer at least some semblance of good news in what's really been a dour and unfortunate year."

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Originally set to expire at the end of 2020, the CARES Act has been extended to December 31, 2021. Once towns meet that deadline for submittals, Plymouth County will have the first 90 days of 2022 to complete its administration of the program.

"Suzanne is well ahead of the curve, she's got a lot already submitted," said O'Brien.

On March 11, the federal government passed the American Rescue Plan Act, another stimulus package for municipalities. The county and towns await rules and regulations governing ARPA.

Clock Will Tick on Future CPC Funds

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

If Article 38 gains voter approval at Marion's May 10 Annual Town Meeting, there will be a maximum two-year time limit for approved projects to spend appropriated Community Preservation funds.

After this year, every article fielded by the Community Preservation Committee, in addition to a dollar amount, will pitch a time limit as well with a two-year maximum window to spend. The article is intended to ensure that CPC funds are spent on the town and in a timely manner.

If the funds are not spent within two years, the project applicant can go back to the CPC and apply for an extension. Should they not, the funds revert to the CPC. Town Administrator Jay McGrail told the Marion Finance Committee during its April 28 meeting that in both of the towns where he had previously worked, this kind of

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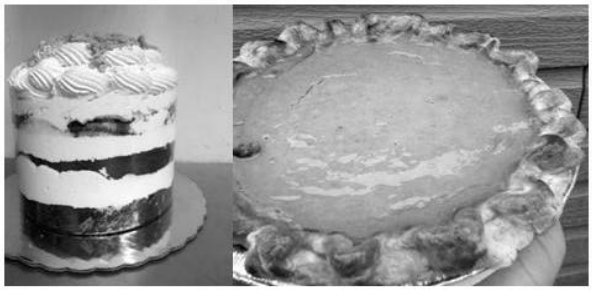

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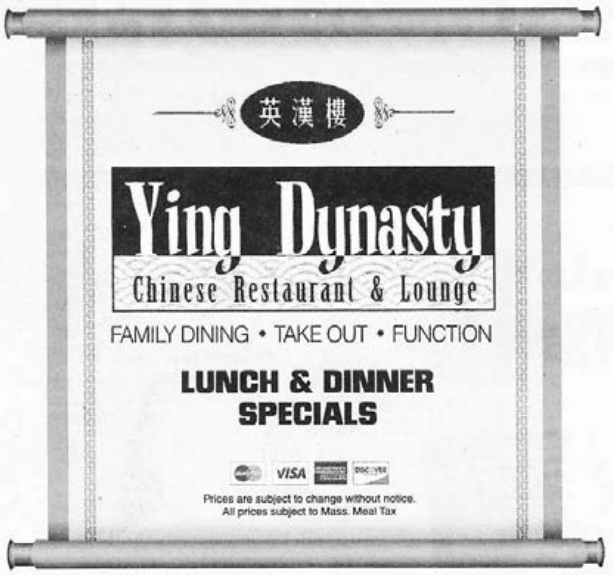

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measure was already in place.

"We do have some projects that have been sitting on the books for quite a long time, and we have no recourse to take that money back," said McGrail.

"Some of these projects can drift and we lose track of them, and if there's a time limit, then it's understood between both parties," said FinCom member Margie Baldwin.

The article's success at the May 10 Town Meeting would not have retroactive effect, nor does it affect CPC articles to be presented for voter approval on May 10.

"The reason we didn't include the language in the articles for this year is because, if this doesn't pass, it would jeopardize those projects moving forward," said McGrail. "This is more about cleaning it up for the future."

According to FinCom Chairman Peter Winters, the bike path article will be two years old in June.

"I think this is a good idea. I don't think it has any financial impact other than it makes things more efficient and we don't have lingering projects out there from 20 years ago that people no longer need or want," said Winters.

Article 38 will come to Town Meeting with the voted recommendation of the Finance Committee, which made no recommendation on several other warrant articles reviewed by McGrail because they make no financial impact to the town.

Having voted to offer either no recommendation or approval on Articles 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 because those articles pose no financial impact on the town, the committee completed its FY22 mission.

The next meeting of the Marion Finance Committee was not scheduled at adjournment. A special meeting was discussed between the committee, McGrail, and Selectman John Waterman to examine the contractual agreement that the town has with the Old Rochester Regional School District.

According to McGrail, ORR did not have final approval from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and therefore could not get the agreement onto the May 10 Town Meeting warrant.

The primary changes proposed by ORR are changing over to a five-year rolling average assessment meant to minimize volatility faced by the three towns during the budget process and the establishment of a stabilization fund.

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debt," said Winters. "Why would we give up our voting rights?"

Waterman pointed out that anything that the ORR District does has to pass through all three towns. He said that, while Marion and Mattapoisett voted to support the rehabilitation of the high school track, Rochester did not.

"In fairness to them, they do need to put in a mechanism that gives them a little more ability to do things like borrow money or invest capital without having to get all three towns to approve," said Waterman. "I think, if it's debt, all three towns have to approve it, but then it also has to be voted on at the polls and it has to pass by a 50-percent margin, so it's hard for them to get anything done right now."

Waterman said that DESE has approved ORR's proposal, so DESE would have to approve any tweaks negotiated by the Tri-Town, so he expects any changes would take a while.

Winters thanked McGrail and Finance Director Judy Mooney for their work in preparing information for the committee.

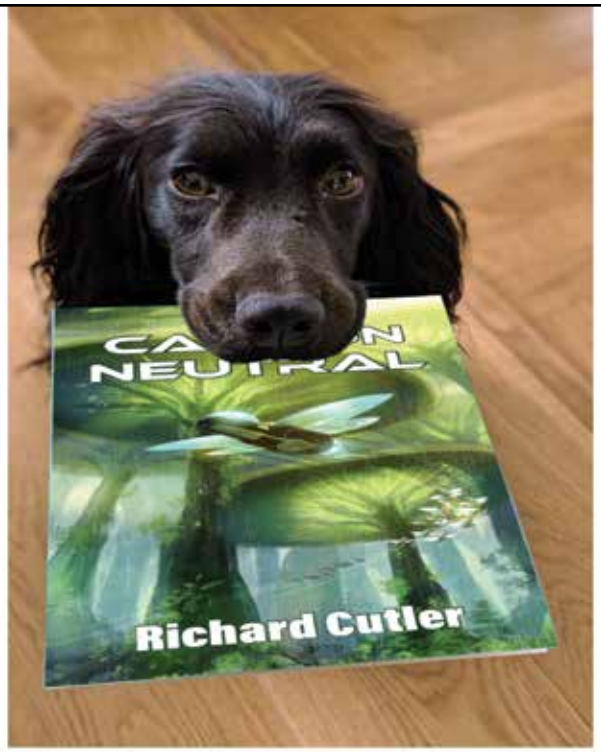
McGrail said FinCom's next meeting can be held in person, but a date will not be set until after Town Meeting in concert with ORR.

Water, Sewer Articles Found Concerning

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen
Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

In a lead-up to Mattapoisett's May 10 Annual Town Meeting, months of board and committee meet-



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ings dissected finance reports, consultants' studies, and departmental needs analyses, and debated at least a few controversial topics. Two Water and Sewer Department projects raised concerns during the April 29 meeting of the Mattapoisett Finance Committee.

The members systematically reviewed each warrant article needing their comment at Town Meeting, but when they reached Article 24, Transfer of Funds for New Project Funding, a sum to be used for sewer main line improvements across the Eel Pond breach, Finance Committee member Tyler Macallister spoke strongly against spending money on a plan that would leave the line in its current location.

"I'll be speaking against anything other than bringing it down Route 6," Macallister firmly assured the committee. He said that years ago, when he was a sitting selectman, the discussion had always been the importance of moving the main line from the environmentally sensitive location.

"We were always told we were one storm away from catastrophe," he said, painting the dire state the town would be in with a rupture of the line, which would not only impact the waterfront, but the entire community. "We'd have to use trucks to take the waste to Fairhaven." Macallister said that a Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) is planned for Route 6, and thus the sewer line should be moved along that roadway before construction takes place.

In a follow-up, Macallister said the Board of Selectmen during his tenure "looked at this between 2007 and 2014," and that discussions were centered on moving the line from the beach and trestle bridge.

The Sewer Department's current plan would take approximately $600,000 in savings from several completed projects to pay design costs for the Eel Pond sewer line. Though no note was taken, the committee members agreed that additional study is needed before the project moves forward.

In Article 11 covering Capital Plan Funding, both the Water and Sewer Departments would be shouldering 50 percent for design costs for a new overall departmental headquarters involving land owned by the town in the Bay Club subdivision. Each enterprise fund would pay $25,000 for a total of $50,000 for the plan. FinCom Chairman Pat Donoghue voiced her concern: "I'm troubled about moving ahead with funding on land that's pretty valuable. We have other needs."

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Back to the beginning of the meeting and the warrant articles.

Article 1, Elected Officers Compensation, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco noted the overall increases were 2 percent with the exception of the town clerk, whose salary is being increased from $63,800 to $70,000 to bring the position more in line with other communities. Conversely, the salary being proposed for the highway surveyor, a position that will see a new staff member with the retirement of Barry Denham, is being decreased from $90,958 to $75,000. Lorenco said the Board of Selectmen felt a new hire would not have the level of experience that the outgoing surveyor brought to the job and thus a decrease is in order. The members voted to recommend.

Article 2, General Operating Budget for FY22, $29,894,778, was also voted for recommendation. Article No. 3, Payment of Prior Year Bills, a sum of $25,699 was explained as part of a reconciliation with the solid-waste contractor ABC Disposal Service, Inc. Lorenco called it a "righting of the ship."

Article 4, Appropriation for OPEB (other post-employment benefits) in the sum of $179,100, was recommended by FinCom for a reserve fund established to help pay for benefit obligations to retiring municipal employees from various departments. From that total appropriation, $140,000 will be earmarked for the town – $10,000 for Mattapoisett's share of ORR liability, as well as $4,100 from Sewer Retained Earnings and $25,000 from Water Retained Earnings.

Article 5, Revolving Fund Authorization totaling $300,000 authorizing expenditure limits, was recommended. Article No. 6, Cyclical Annual Property Revaluation and Town Mapping, $36,000, was also recommended for the purpose of funding the Department of Revenue mandated cyclical revaluation of property and mapping updates.

Article 8, Water Reserve Account, $10,000, establishes a fund for unforeseen expenses. Article No. 9 establishes the same amount with the same purpose. Both were recommended by FinCom.

Article 11, Capital Planning Fund, $479,889 with $294,889 from free cash, $90,000 from Water Retained Earnings, and $95,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings, was recommended. The article lists the following expenditures: $42,889for local school phone upgrades; $18,500for library roof and skylight repairs; $85,000 for Highway Department sidearm mower attachment; $14,500 for Fire

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Department pontoons for boat; $54,000 for Long Wharf grant match; $25,000 for local schools floor tile replacements; $55,000 for a police cruiser. Water Department expenditures are well upgrades for $30,000; new building design (50-percent share) for $25,000; new truck (50-percent share) for $35,000. Sewer Department expenditures are lift station upgrades for $35,000; new building design (50-percent share) for $25,000; and new truck (50-percent share) for $35,000. All were recommended.

Articles 13, 14, and 15, Allocation of Revenues Community Preservation Act, covers grant applications recommended by the Community Preservation Committee and the FinCom. Those requests are $35,000 from the Mattapoisett Historical Museum for repairs to the front entranceway, $20,000 for the funding of Cushing Cemetery Records from hardcopy to digital formatting, and $20,000 for the ORR Press box, also supported by funds from Marion and Rochester.

Article 18, Meals Tax Statue, though not part of FinCom's watch, inspired a bit of lively discussion when Donoghue wondered if the voters have received sufficient notification that a tax on meals at local venues is being proposed. Lorenco said that the new revenue generated from the tax would be 75 cents on $100 spent.

Article 19, Town Road Improvement Plan Funding, $450,000 was recommended by the FinCom. The sum will be used to fund the 75-percent design needed to qualify for federal grant monies. It will be paid for by debt exclusion, Lorenco explained, or other funding means.

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On May 3, the Board of Selectmen met briefly to vote on the Town Election Warrant. It was explained that the ballot is not considered valid until the selectmen vote to accept it and sign approval as well.

Chairman Paul Silva asked for a moment of silence in honor for Selectman John DeCosta, whose death he said was shocking, and he expressed deep sympathy for his family. DeCosta's funeral took place earlier in the day.

Other matters handled included the approval of yoga at Ned's Point for up to 50 people sponsored by the Mattapoisett Wellness Center with a portion of the proceeds earmarked for Friends of Jake and a local food pantry. Classes will be held from May 29 through September 4 at 8:30 am. Also approved was the return of the Antique Car Shows on Friday night twice a month between June and Labor Day in Shipyard Park, and the Relay for Life event held in August. All events and activities held on town properties are subject to local and state pandemic guidelines. Presently the limit on gatherings is 50 people in outdoor venues until further notice.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be held prior to the start of Town Meeting on Monday, May 10, at 6:00 pm in the ORR gymnasium.

River Road Residents Roost on Parking

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

Residents of River Road, which runs perpendicular from Route 6 along the Weweantic and Sippican rivers near the Wareham town line, petitioned the Board of Selectmen during its May 4 meeting to attach stipulations to its issuance of an alcohol license to Stone Rooster Hospitality.

The applicant for an on-premises, all-alcohol license aims to revive the location once known as Gilda's, 27 Wareham Road (Route 6), at the mouth of River Road.

Neighbors insist they are not against the revival of the business but only want to take what they see as a now-or-never opportunity to curb what they fear will become an overflow parking situation.

"It's not the plan, it's the three cars halfway through the evening that park on the shoulder and create the potential crisis," said Christopher Collings, a member of the Planning Board, who lives on River Road. "We're hopeful that while we move forward here that ... the ap-

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plicant makes an overt gesture" to ensure parking will not hinder River Road egress.

The selectmen visited the site on Tuesday, met the new owners, and discussed the need for a parking plan that they say will be established with the certificate of occupancy filed with the building commissioner.

Selectman John Waterman said the plan will demonstrate the ability to match the occupancy of the building. He further stated his intention to "let [the neighbors] know that we're going to be paying attention and remind them that these liquor licenses come up annually."

The all-liquor license was unanimously approved, but Town Administrator Jay McGrail told the neighbors that all three selectmen "are not against this conversation" and that the matter of parking at the site will be taken up with the police chief and will be added to a future Board of Selectmen agenda.

In a public hearing continued from April 20, a proposed propane storage business, Papa's Real Estate, LLC, that is requesting a special permit at 0 Luce Avenue asked for a continuance while working with its engineer to satisfy some of the concerns that came up in the last hearing. The hearing will take place on June 15 at 6:05 pm at the Music Hall.

The third public hearing of Tuesday's meeting was a 49-minute run through of the 51-article warrant for the May 10 Annual Town Meeting to be held at Sippican School.

McGrail said just under 100 have signed up to attend, and those wishing to do so should reach out to Town Clerk Lissa Magauran. Vaccinated attendees will be

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seated in the main auditorium, while others will have the opportunity to attend in the school's library or cafeteria, a location to be determined in a meeting Friday.

Article 4, the Sewer Enterprise Fund, will ask voters to authorize an 8.08-percent increase in lagoon project debt. As mitigation, the town has allocated $225,000 from free cash as an offset and has also applied for a state grant program meant to assist in the long term.

Corresponding Article 20 asks voters to provide $2,740,000 for the lining of Sewer Lagoon 1 as required by the Administrative Order on Consent issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. McGrail says the original estimate of 300 tons of sludge was later revealed to be 1,000 and may end at a total of 1,300 tons. Some of the sludge has been hauled to Canada. McGrail said Marion has received $250,000 of $2 million in grant money the town hopes to receive within the next year or two. "Nothing is guaranteed ... that debt would minimize what we have to borrow here," he said.

Magauran was on hand to announce that in-person voting for the Town Election will begin on Monday, May 10, and run through Thursday, May 13. Regular voting will be held on Friday, May 14, at the Cushing Community Center.

"I don't think we're going to have a huge crowd anyway, but it's just for people who don't feel comfortable yet," she said, estimating a 15-20 percent voter turnout.

The selectmen voted to approve her plan to open the polls on May 14 at 8:00 am and close the polls at 7:00 pm.

The selectmen appointed Will Tifft from associate

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to full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, appointed Dana Nilson as a full member, and Danielle Engwert as an associate member who will complete Tifft's associate term.

Relaying information from Donna Hemphill, McGrail announced Marion's Memorial Day plan for May 31, a 9:00 am event to take place entirely outside the Music Hall. There will be no procession to Old Landing, but Sippican School and Portuguese American bands are scheduled to perform.

Participants will include Dr. Steve Pierce of the U.S. Navy and Captain Andrew Bonney of Massachusetts National Air Guard, along with McGrail and the Board of Selectmen. Facemasks and social distancing will be required.

In other business, the selectmen voted to accept the donation of a 1978 brushfire truck from the Town of Wareham. The truck is at the Marion Fire Station and gives Marion a short-term solution while an upgrade is ongoing for a long-term truck.

The selectmen approved a sewer abatement request for $1,105.49 at Delano Road because the water did not enter the municipal system for treatment. They denied a sewer abatement request at 49 Water Street because the bill increase was caused by a leaking toilet and the water entered the system and was treated.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was not scheduled at adjournment.

Town Not Ready to Agree on RMS

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The Rochester Board of Selectmen wants more time to digest the Rochester Memorial School agreement.

"It doesn't make sense to us the way the numbers line up," said Town Counsel Blair Bailey, explaining to the selectmen during their May 3 meeting that Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar "ran the numbers" and came to the same conclusion. "I guess the best way to put it [is] we have some questions about the dollars of the deal."

Selectman Woody Hartley suggested Bailey and Szyndlar get together with ORR School District Facilities Director Gene Jones "and hash it out until you're comfortable."

"I would like to hear from the highway surveyor on the new deal with (solar) canopies there," said Selectman Brad Morse, referencing pertinent issues such as life

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expectancy of the parking lot underneath and its maintenance. He questioned the power amount, saying it is based on an assumption and suggested that the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) amount comes under the purview of the Assessors' Office.

Morse also articulated concern with neighbors, alluding to a prior problem with abutters when the school building addition was done. Hartley said those problems were remedied.

"I'm trying to avoid conflicts so we don't end up in a two or three-year battle," said Morse, who ran the meeting as Vice Chairman because Chairman Paul Ciaburri was attending remotely.

Ciaburri questioned the PILOT program and the cost of the electricity. "I would like to see more information about that and have the highway surveyor talk to us about snow removal," he said.

Bailey said that from a zoning standpoint, solar power is technically an allowed use.

The selectmen agreed to continue the discussion at a later date when they have the needed information.

The selectmen voted to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and voted to accept a SEMASS PILOT payment of $340,260.

In her Town Administrators Report, Szyndlar reported an expression of interest for feedback on the report from a feasibility study that SRPEDD representative Eric Arbeen helped Rochester undergo. She said that the full application for the study can be submitted between May 3 and June 4.

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Hall on April 30 to present Rochester's third CARES Act reimbursement check in the amount of $113,132. Szyndlar said she expects the town will file a total of seven submissions and noted that a new program called the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will draw from a $1.9 billion appropriation, including $3.6 billion earmarked for state and local governments. The program will be divided into two halves beginning May 11 and again nine months later. Rochester expects to be eligible to receive $516,000 in funds that would pass through the state to the town.

Szyndlar said ARPA will operate on four basic rules including revenue replacement for FY19 figures covering the cost of hazards such as duty pay, COVID-19, sewer/water, and infrastructure, but not including OPEB payments or for the purpose of lowering taxes. The timeline will operate from March 3, 2021 to December 21, 2024.

Libraries and schools will get their own ARPA funding and, unlike via the CARES Act, will administer the program separately from the towns.

The selectmen voted to approve Police Chief Robert Small's recommendation that part-time officer Austin Alves be hired as a full-time police officer. Small said that Alves worked for over a year as a part-time officer and described him as diligent in his working and learning. Alves is also an EMT with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. Bailey said, "Normally this would be a more momentous an occasion.... Apologies it's not as momentous over Zoom."

Hartley addressed the recent appearance of commercial advertising on telephone poles all over Rochester. "Eventually it will become litter because the wind will knock it off," he said, identifying the advertiser as an out-of-town company. "I assume it's against town bylaws." Morse recommended mailing the company a citation.

In other business, the selectmen approved a donation of $24,253 from the SEMASS request fund that will address, among other requests, police vests at $8,000, plus other police equipment, and requests of $2,728 and $3,000 from the Park Department.

The selectmen also voted to approve two ranges seeking to renew their operating permits, and it was decided to forego plans for a 2021 Memorial Day celebration and instead key on Veterans Day in the fall.

The selectmen entered executive session to discuss a personnel issue not specified in the agenda and did not return to open session.

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The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at 6:00 pm.

Munafo Named New DPW Director

By Mick Colageo

A day before the Marion Board of Selectmen held its regularly scheduled meeting, they met on May 3 with Town Administrator Jay McGrail at the Police Station to truncate what easily could have been an arduous process taking months.

Impressed with an internal candidate during the first wave of interviews brought about by the April 30 retirement of Public Works Director David Willett, the selectmen conducted one next-level interview with Nathanial Munafo. That half-hour interview ended with a vote to appoint Munafo as the town's new DPW director.

Town Administrator Jay McGrail summarized the hiring process, having interviewed 15 candidates after widespread advertising and interviewing a half-dozen selected candidates. Two strong candidates emerged from that group, and the subcommittee thought it prudent to examine its in-house candidate and then decide on a direction.

In a matter of 30 minutes, Munafo made it an easy choice for the selectmen.

Munafo grew up in Hyannis and attended Mass Maritime, having studies facilities and environmental engineering. A decade ago, he earned his master's degree. He has been working in the Marion Sewer Department as chief operator at Marion's wastewater treatment plant. For eight months, he and Frank Cooper ran the plant, a job that usually takes five people.

"At this point for me, I think it's an excellent time for me to step outside of my comfort zone," Munafo told the board, alluding to a wide range of experience in the field and in leadership roles.

Over the last two years, Hyannis' local fire district is a separate municipal entity and he sat on the board for the town's new $2,500,000 fire station. He helped the station come in under budget. He has also been serving as chairman for five years on Hyannis' committee examining the town's fire laws.

"It's been a tremendous learning experience and real exposure," said Munafo, who now has an appetite for bigger-picture issues facing the town.

Members of the board questioned Munafo about his management style and facing difficult personnel de-

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cisions and situations. At the end of the discussion, they did not hesitate to vote him in as the town's new DPW director effective immediately.

Willett told the selectmen upon his announcement earlier this year that he will stay on part-time to help the town finish its lagoon cleanup project and will be available for consultation.

Plan of Record Put to Test

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

The owner of the Dunkin' establishment at 450 Wareham Street went before the Marion Planning Board on May 3 seeking minor alterations to a site plan that had been awarded a special permit.

The signature change is the elimination of the word 'Donuts' from the Dunkin' brand. As tweaked, the letters of the new sign over the front doors will be slightly smaller than the 16-inch letters prescribed in the site plan. Other essential changes include a canopy over the menu board, digital letters at the drive-thru, and interior redesign elements that do not fall into the board's purview.

Project representative Luis Bettencourt told the board the owner is looking to tweak the plan of record. "We don't like that 'gauntlet gray' that has been provided," he said, alluding to intentions of choosing an almost-white shade of gray on the exterior of the building.

Members of the board took no issue with the stated changes but did have a problem with contradictions on the plan of record.

Andrew Daniel sought to clarify what was approved versus the plan's call for building signage such as "Marion runs on Dunkin,'" and "Fresh is around the corner," and other elements not in synch with the stipulations of the permit.

"Purple door handles aren't exactly 'Cape Cod colors,'" said member Norm Hills. "I want to see a plan that doesn't have that stuff. ... I want something that codifies exactly what we're agreeing to so in the future there's no second guessing."

Bettencourt said those elements will not be part of the construction, and he was not aware of the coffee cup on the exterior sign. He was hoping his email on the matter would save the expense of hiring an architect to revise the site plan to local specifications.

He further recommended the board visit the Dunkin' off the rotary where Route 28 converges with

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Town Planner Gil Hilario suggested that, if the Planning Board deems the requested changes to be categorically minor, then Building Commissioner Scott Shippey can rule on the matter and the board can apply conditions.

"I think you do need to have plans that show the options you're going to choose, not three options," said Hills, who suggested providing the drawings with a letter stating the exceptions. "That would be acceptable."

Chairman Will Saltonstall recommended a PDF file of the drawings marked up so the Planning Board will have a plan of record.

Poyant Signs is working with the applicant and will apply for the signage permit, according to Bettencourt.

Outside the building, Daniel also noticed that trash receptacles were recently removed from the drive-thru path, resulting in litter.

The most-serious concern was not on the agenda, as Saltonstall said that traffic on the site is backed out onto Route 6. "Not once in a while," he stressed. "If the popularity of this site continues to grow and the density of this

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Hills noted a friend's vehicle was hit by somebody trying to get into the Dunkin' parking lot, while Daniel noted the extreme turn for cars heading east on Route 6.

Bettencourt said that the owner of the Dunkin' also owns the property next door to the right and will examine the traffic flow.

"There is nothing wrong with saying, 'This was approved, but things have changed.' ...Take a step back and say, 'How can we make it safer?'" said Daniel.

The board voted to consider the requested changes to Dunkin's special permit to be minor. The board will send a letter to Shippey, and the owner will provide a final set of plans.

A continued public hearing on a definitive subdivision plan on County Road near the Rochester town line per applicant Todd Zell was represented by Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc.

Davignon requested several waivers that were discussed in detail, none of which emerged as sticking points. But, citing the number of waivers, Saltonstall said he would like more time to look them over. The Planning Board voted to continue the public hearing to the board's May 17 meeting at 7:05 pm.

Referencing a 2018 report, member Eileen Marum said that pesticides were found in Wareham's drinking water and asked Davignon for assurance that the well water is free of pesticides. Davignon discussed the permitting process, including testing at a local laboratory. A failure, he said, would require a new location at greater depth.

"I've yet to see a site not be able to get potable water, but there have been issues with cranberry bogs – I'm curious if those sites were downgradient or upgradient," said Davignon. "You cannot get a building permit unless you can show the Board of Health you can get (clean) water."

Davignon added that Zell and his brother built 18 years ago on adjacent lots, and he is not aware of any issues.

No one answered the call for public comment.

In a continued public hearing for a special permit and major site plan review submitted by applicant Sherman Briggs and Hamblin Homes, Inc. for construction of 28 townhouses at Spring and Mill Streets, Briggs made a point of inviting Planning Board members for a site visit.

A visit was tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 7, at 11:00 am with representatives from Lakeview Engineering Associates (representing Briggs) and Beals and Thomas, Inc. (Town of Marion). According to Hilario, stormwater designs are contingent on discussions between the two engineers.

"From a Planning Board perspective, we can have the site meeting, can talk to the review engineer, and we're going to have a discussion. But then the ball's in your court to have some pretty significant information. That's my interpretation of where we are," Saltonstall told Briggs and Steve Poole of Lakeview Engineering Associates, who represented Briggs at Monday's meeting.

The Planning Board voted to continue the hearing to May 17 at 7:15 pm.

A continued public hearing for a special permit for a proposed zoning change to Residence E at Bournhust Road and Wareham Street represented by attorney Patricia McArdle was only reopened to be closed after the application was withdrawn.

Saltonstall anticipates further discussion between the applicant and the Board of Selectmen regarding the potential for hookup to town sewer.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at 7:00 pm.

Wetlands Delineation Solved, Lesson Learned

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Matthew Donato

In its meeting held on May 4, the Rochester Conservation Commission discussed a Request for Determination of Applicability that was filed by Thomas Lewis of TEC Associates regarding vegetation management and pesticide spraying along railroad tracks running through Rochester.

The public meeting on the application in question was continued from the commission's previously held meeting, as there were concerns raised by Vice Chairman Daniel Gagne surrounding the details of the filing. Primarily, Gagne expressed concerns that the application included a request for confirmation of wetlands boundary line that was not properly supported.

Gagne had explained in a prior meeting that the application submitted did not include nearly enough detail or review in order for him to satisfy the requirements that the commission normally adheres to for those kinds

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of requests. Normally, when a request for delineation of a resource area is made, the commission will seek the assistance of an independent peer-review consultant to create their own delineation of the wetlands area that can then be compared to that submitted by the applicant. In addition, abutters to the area would be notified and have an opportunity to review the delineation as well. In this case, the proposal submitted by Lewis did not include his own wetlands delineation and instead only portrayed areas along the tracks that would be either sprayed by pesticide or avoided.

Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon agreed that a Request for Determination of Applicability is normally not used for wetland delineation, but there are other communities that do follow that procedure. Ultimately, Farinon contacted the Department of Environmental Protection to try and best determine the proper procedure for this unique filing. Farinon told commission members that it would be ideal to amend the filing to exclude the wetlands demarcation, as it is not needed for the kind of work that was proposed by the applicant.

Farinon further explained that a letter or an addition to the meeting minutes could include a note that the wetland boundaries shown in the plan are only to be used for vegetation management and herbicide spraying. That way, the delineation of wetlands on the plans would not constitute an official record of the wetlands in the area.

Commission member Kevin Thompson suggested that a letter be included with the filing to clear up any confusion surrounding the application. In addition, Thompson explained that the inclusion of the letter could make it easier for Lewis to go forward with these applications in the future and with other conservation commissions throughout the commonwealth.

With that, the Rochester Conservation Commission voted to issue a negative determination of applicability for the project, allowing Lewis to move forward with his plans to spray along the railroad tracks.

The next Rochester Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:00 pm.

Subcommittee Reports on Police Fleet

Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee

By Marilou Newell

On April 28, the Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee reconvened to continue its discussions on items believed critical to capital planning processes moving forward.

During previous meetings, several committee members were dispatched to research expenditures or future municipal needs such as facilities maintenance, renovations and rehabilitation projects, and to obtain asset maintenance records for the fleet of vehicles assigned to the Police Department.

It was good news from members Mike Rosa and Mike Dahill, who spearheaded the collection of data currently available for the Police Department fleet. The members met with Police Sargent Justin King and Police Chief Mary Lyons, saying it was a good meeting and that the department had been very open during their discussion.

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Dahill said they learned that the costs of new vehicles are partly driven by the fact that equipment isn't always transferrable from a vehicle being retired to a new one coming into the fleet. He said that the union contract negotiation does grant certain officers the privilege of taking a vehicle home, but with the concession of a decreased or deducted allowance in another area such as uniforms.

Rosa said the department is keeping good maintenance records and other data that will be useful when a vehicle is targeted for replacement. The team also was informed by the Police Department that the average vehicle mileage per year is 20,000. Chairman Chuck McCullough said of Police Department vehicles, "I'd like to see them hit 100,000, not just replace them very three years."

Regarding unmarked vehicles obtained from the state via a program that passes along seized vehicles that have been involved in crimes to police departments, Rosa said the police chief preferred to keep the number and identification of those vehicles anonymous "for obvious reasons." But McCullough thought that the maintenance and other costs need to be included for a full picture of all department expenses. The committee agreed it is time to revisit the town's vehicle policy.

Other items that the Police Department needs to plug into the 10-year plan are a motorcycle, body cameras, and telephones, the committee learned.

The wide-open umbrella of infrastructure, according to McCullough, covers everything from telephone systems and computers to roads, bridges, culverts, municipal water and sewer systems, and municipal buildings. McCullough said it was time to invite Bonne DeSousa to a meeting to discuss costs associated with the bike/pedestrian path. "We need to find out who owns the bike path," said McCullough, stating the importance of putting it on the plan and understanding both scheduled and unexpected maintenance requirements and any associated equipment.

On the subject of Old Rochester Regional Schools capital needs, McCullough said the committee should continue to strive towards bringing the three towns together collaboratively with one goal being a reserve fund created solely to address those needs.

Regarding the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on May 10, McCullough said Capital Planning will not be ready to roll out a 10-year plan at that time but would "commit to having one ready in six months." He said that warrant articles for capital needs total $147,900 and that

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Richard's retirement plans include working part-time as one of Jack's employees, spending time on home projects, traveling with his wife, and having more time with family. Thank you for all the years "flagman". We wish you a wonderful retirement.

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Recurrent Continuances to Find Closure

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett Planning Board member Janice Robbins expressed concern during the board's May 3 meeting over what she considers endless requests from applicants for continuances. A continued hearing for a modification to a Form C Definitive Subdivision filed by Eric Medeiros for property located on Selha Way was scheduled, but the applicant asked for an extension of the application until August 16, and another continuance of the hearing until June 7, thus inspiring Robbins' question, "Is there any procedure for endless continuances?"

Chairman Tom Tucker offered, in the absence of a formal procedure, that the board does have the right to deny a request for continuance of a scheduled hearing.

Tucker also suggested that, instead of denying the current request, the board could give the applicant one more chance and notification that further continuances would not be granted, an act that would send the applicant back to square one in the hearing process.

The board members were unanimous in their agreement to give Medeiros one more opportunity to have his request heard and a decision rendered, but no further continuances. The application has been on and off the Planning Board docket for more than a year.

Also seeing a change to heretofore granted allowances to subdivision developers was David Andrews of the Bay Club. He came before the board to request a "lot swap" in lieu of cash or a bond surety placed on the required roadway construction.

Andrews said that the development is nearing the end of its 19th year of build-out with some 12 lots remaining for sale. He requested the exchange of three lots on White Pine Lane for two lots on High Ridge held in lieu of an estimated $400,000 of roadway work now pending completion.

When asked if a cash surety was possible, Andrews said that the Planning Board had always been good to the Bay Club, but if a bond or cash surety is needed, "We're okay with that." Robbins had stated that lots held do not represent a "real" assurance that roadways will

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be completed and that lots held are not the norm. Board members agreed to allow the lot swap this time, but requested bonds or cash in the future for Bay Club.

The board rendered its decision on a Form F Covenant for 0 Randall Road Cranberry Cove for a one-lot subdivision. After a brief discussion of the covenant and maintenance plan submitted by G.A.F. Engineering, the plan of record was approved.

A subdivision plan for property located off Park Lane and represented by Doug Schneider of Schneider, Davignon, & Leone, Inc. received a continuance to June 7, as issues of the railroad easement and the extension of Park Lane (a public way) remained unclear. It was ascertained with the help of Town Counsel Jonathan Silverstein that a decision on the extension of Park Lane, which

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would grant the applicant the right to add an extension on the existing public way, rests with the Board of Selectmen. Schneider said he would seek a meeting with the selectmen after the May 10 Town Meeting.

Planning Board Administrator Mike Gagne brought to the board's attention the fact that Tinkham Hill Road has never been conveyed or registered to the town. He said that his research had failed to confirm the road belongs to the town. On the eve of developing a municipal solar array at the closed former dump, Gagne said the investors are hesitant to move forward until the road is conveyed to the town. He said the issue requires the approval of both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen.

The Planning Board voted to accept the roadway contingent upon acceptance by the Board of Selectmen.

Before adjournment, member Karen Field expressed concern over the fate of a long stonewall located on Crystal Spring Road on property owned by Ryan Correia. Tucker said he would talk to Correia about the possible preservation of the old stonewall.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at 7:00 pm.

Mendell Road Will Wait on Weddings

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Laurie Whitney-Lawrence will have to wait before she can legally use her Mendell Road property as a part-time event center.

What began in 2013 as a $7,000 savings for her daughter's wedding and reception evolved into a venue for other events including a fundraiser for Rochester Youth Baseball, memorial services and bridal showers.

Whitney-Lawrence told the ZBA that by word of mouth the potential has grown to the point that the property is currently sought out by three more couples who want to get married on the 3.98-acre parcel that features a 106 by 46-foot tent and does business as Arch at the Meadow.

In Appeal No. 1162 heard by the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on April 22, Whitney-Lawrence went before the board seeking a Special Permit to host private functions including receptions and showers under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6.

The property has been owned by Whitney-Lawrence and her husband, Glenn Lawrence, of 332 Mendell Road since 1986, and it is zoned as residential/agricultural. The property has no dwellings but has seven structures, including a hangar housing two airplanes (down from five), a gazebo where the bartending service operates, and a mobile home that has been converted into a bathroom.

Whitney-Lawrence came before the ZBA hoping that the fact so little has changed on the property would produce the minimal deliberation required before a special permit would allow her to follow through on a schedule that hopes to host a wedding on June 12.

"Because we're pursuing to do this a little bit more with people we have known, but now more people are coming to us," said Whitney-Lawrence, who said she plans no more than three events per month. "Three tops is all we would ever want to do (per month).... We're not a

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Her plan is to open the property to privately planned events at 9:00 am and close no later than 10:30 pm, depending on the function. She told the ZBA that her caterers are licensed and insured.

Rochester Fire Chief Scott Weigel spoke on the applicant's behalf, having met last spring with the family. "They've done everything I've asked them to do," said Weigel, who conducted a safety inspection. "I will do the same this year."

Nonetheless, ZBA Chair David Arancio, who serves on the board of directors of the Rochester Youth Baseball and offered to recuse himself if any ZBA member thought he should – no one did so, and Arancio stayed on – agreed with members Richard Cutler and Kirby Gilmore that the situation is so far outside the box of anything the ZBA has tackled that more information is needed in order to judge the situation with confidence.

Planning Board Chair Arnie Johnson, who sat in on the public hearing, said he was waiting for an opportunity to discuss the matter with Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who was not able to attend.

Parking became a concern, but Whitney-Lawrence assured the board that only on one prior occasion did traffic spill out onto the street due to overflow, and steps have been taken to ensure that does not happen again.

It was estimated that there are 28 parking spots in the back of the property and an additional 50 spots in the front. "If it's a large wedding, we ask them to rent bus transportation," said Whitney-Lawrence.

While Whitney-Lawrence said she has the support of neighbors whom she said were on the call, they did not speak.

After lengthy deliberation, the board voted to continue the case to May 13 at 7:00 pm and will request Bailey's attendance at the next hearing to address some of the questions posed by Johnson and ZBA members.

In Appeal No. 1163, applicants Carl and Jennifer Achorn of Mattapoisett were issued a variance for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for the construction of the single-family house on an undersized (1.35 acre) lot.

The land, zoned for agricultural/residential use, was still owned at the time of the public hearing by Paul Chamberlain of Weymouth, and no buildings are on the lot at the present time.

The Achorns wish to build a 2,200 square-foot house and a subsurface sewage disposal system within the groundwater protection zone and estimated habitat of rare wildlife. The dwelling as planned will exceed all the required setbacks.

Abutter Nora Dupont, 182 Hartley Road, articulated concerns with wetlands and underground water. "There have been things that have happened around us and it does cause problems. It's unpredictable," she told the ZBA. "When we bought our house ... we were told there would be no houses on that side because it was agricultural land and would always stay that way."

Despite Dupont's objection, the board voted to issue the variance with the condition that the house not exceed 2,200 square feet.

In other business, the ZBA reiterated its decision to continue reporting to the Annex building to sign case

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TriTown Happenings

Bodil Perkins recently made this book for her aunt, Ann Briggs, who is 90 years old and has lived in Mattapoisett most of her life. The book contains 42 poems and the library recently said it was a "delightful book" and will be accepting a donated copy. Ann started taking poetry classes in her 80s.

Rochester Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar receives the town's third COVID-19 reimbursement check under the CARES Act on April 30 at Town Hall. The program is administered locally by Plymouth County. Joining Szyndlar are County Commissioner Jared Valanzola(left), and County Treasurer Tom O'Brien. Photo by Mick Colageo

Robert Pina spotted this deer in his backyard on Point Road in Marion.

Carol Annichiarico of Marion shared these photos of baby foxes at play.

One of the most beautiful scenes of the harbor is when it is full of boats, a sure indication that summer is on the way. Photo by Mary-Ellen Livingstone

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approval documents rather than use the costly DocuSign program.

The next meeting of the Rochester ZBA is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 13, at 7:00 pm.

Marion Reports No New Cases of COVID-19

Marion Board of Health

By Jean Perry

The decline of COVID-19 cases in Marion is encouraging, reflecting the overall trend across the state as more are vaccinated and fewer are testing positive. Marion had zero positive cases of COVID-19 as of press time on May 4 when the Marion Board of Health met for a brief meeting.

"The numbers are obviously coming down," said Public Health Nurse Lori Desmarais.

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Thursday May 6, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Timing is Everything
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Help and Hope Southcoast
11:30 AM Recovery Recreation TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
2:30 PM In the Toy Box
3:00 PM The Houston Bernard Show
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM Books and the World
4:30 PM Paltrocast
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
7:00 PM Stop My Crisis
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Talking Trek
10:00 PM IA Jock Talk
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday May 7, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:32 AM The Non-Profit World
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM This is America & The World
2:30 PM A Conversation With…
3:00 PM The World Fusion Show
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mattapoisett Select Board Candidates
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM IA Jock Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday May 8, 2021
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Southcoast Matters
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
2:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Wendy Bidstrup
4:00 PM Books and the World
4:30 PM Paltrocast
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM A Conversation With…
7:00 PM Off the Shelf
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Registers Report
8:30 PM Talking Trek
9:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday May 9, 2021
6:00 AM Health Source
6:35 AM The Art of Tai Chi
7:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM The Art of Being Human
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Rochester COA Senior Scams
11:32 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM ORRHS Varsity Football vs Apponequet - April 9, 2021
3:40 PM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
4:00 PM The World Fusion Show
4:30 PM Paltrocast
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Books and the World
7:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:30 PM This is America & The World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday May 10, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM A Cranberry Harvest
11:30 AM Inspiring Careers
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
2:30 PM OnStage - Return to Broadway
3:07 PM The Houston Bernard Show
3:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
4:00 PM The Chico and Bman Show
4:30 PM Paltrocast
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Mattapoisett Select Board Candidates
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Stop My Crisis
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Off the Shelf
9:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday May 11, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM The Art of Tai Chi
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:32 AM Help and Hope Southcoast
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM The World Fusion Show
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Money Matters TV
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series - Nakamatsu
7:40 PM Let's Talk Business
8:30 PM Stop My Crisis
9:00 PM Talking Trek
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday May 12, 2021
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters
3:00 PM In the Toy Box
3:30 PM The Houston Bernard Show
4:00 PM Let's Talk Business
4:43 PM Mike Paige Doodle Club
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
7:00 PM Books and the World
7:30 PM Paltrocast
8:00 PM Reeling Movie Review
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Finance Committee - April 28, 2021
7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission - April 28, 2021
9:12 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 20, 2021
10:50 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission - April 1, 2021
11:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - April 26, 2021
12:09 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - April 22, 2021
1:30 PM Marion Board of Health - April 20, 2021
2:03 PM Marion Planning Board - April 20, 2021
3:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - April 28, 2021
3:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - April 28, 2021
5:12 PM Marion Board of Selectman - April 20, 2021
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8:09 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - April 22, 2021
9:30 PM Marion Board of Health - April 20, 2021
10:03 PM Marion Planning Board - April 20, 2021
11:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - April 28, 2021
11:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission - April 28, 2021

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - April 22, 2021
9:05 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 20, 2021
11:00 AM Rochester School Committee - April 8, 2021
1:02 PM ORR Special School Committee - April 13, 2021
1:30 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021
3:09 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - April 20, 2021
4:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 23, 2021
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - April 22, 2021
7:05 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - April 20, 2021
9:00 PM Rochester School Committee - April 8, 2021
11:02 PM ORR Special School Committee - April 13, 2021
11:30 PM ORR School Committee - March 24, 2021

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Marion COA Meditation - April 27, 2021
8:30 AM Mattapoisett Library Storytime with Miss Chris
8:47 AM Marion Art Center Presents - Sundog Organ Trio
10:00 AM ORR Girls Varsity Soccer vs Apponequet - April 5, 2021
11:30 AM Artist Interview - Thomas H. Lynch
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wendy Bidstrup
1:30 PM ORR Varsity Field Hockey vs Seekonk - April 21, 2021
2:39 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Albert Pina
3:30 PM ORR Boys Varsity Soccer vs Wareham - April 8, 2021
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Wendy Bidstrup
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Varsity Field Hockey Seekonk - April 21, 2021
7:39 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Albert Pina
8:30 PM ORR Varsity Football vs Apponequet - April 9, 2021
10:10 PM ORR Girls Varsity Volleyball vs Dighton Rehoboth - April 13, 2021
11:00 PM ORR Girls Varsity Soccer vs Apponequet - April 5, 2021

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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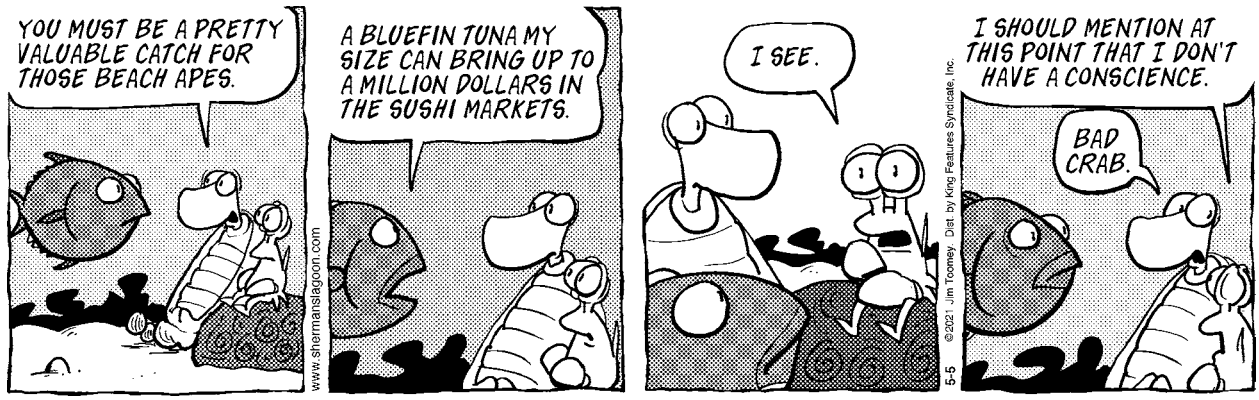
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Marion has seen 420 confirmed cases since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

Sippican School has one person connected to the school in quarantine awaiting test results, with zero currently in isolation. So far, the elementary school has had 38 confirmed cases linked to staff or students at Sippican School.

Tabor Academy is reporting zero new positive cases with zero students in quarantine or isolation. Tabor will continue to conduct weekly surveillance testing of students and staff, Desmarais stated.

Sippican Healthcare Center has reported one new confirmed case connected to the nursing home after a long stretch of weeks without any new cases.

In other matters, the state's oral rabies vaccine distribution planned for this week has been delayed due to inclement weather. Desmarais said the operation to distribute the oral rabies vaccine via a low-flying helicopter should commence by the end of the current week, pending the weather forecast. The program targets wildlife such as raccoons to help stop the spread of rabies in the wild.

Board of Health Chairman Dr. Edward Hoffer stated that several raccoons reported as "acting unusually" that were caught in Marion and euthanized all tested negative for rabies.

Desmarais reported that her clinical hours for the Council on Aging at the Community Center have been running smoothly and picking up steam as people are beginning to show up for the weekly Wednesday 1:00-3:00 pm sessions to have their blood pressure checked and talk

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Ronald C. Guillotte, 51, of Mattapoisett died April 27, 2021 peacefully, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was the husband of Mary C. (Cooper) Guillotte.

Born in New Bedford, son of Ronald A. and Mary Lee (Edwards) Guillotte, he grew up in Fairhaven and lived in Mattapoisett most of his adult life. He was a self-employed plasterer who was a perfectionist and artist sought after for his craft. He was a sports enthusiast and avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking and sharing food with his family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. His quick wit and jokester personality will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife; his parents; 4 sons, Ronald C. Guillotte, Jr. of Rochester, Jesten Guillotte of Dartmouth, Jarred Guillotte of Fairhaven, and Tommy DeBortoli and his fiancée Julie Ingham of Mattapoisett; a sister, Kelly Zucco and her husband John of Mattapoisett; 4 brothers, Lee Guillotte and his wife Christyn and Kevin Guillotte and his wife Willow, all of Fairhaven, Shaun Guillotte and his wife Kristy of Acushnet, and Timothy Guillotte and his wife Rebecca of Rochester; 5 grandchildren, Aaliyah, Daniel, Emily, Ceri and Briann; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 1st in St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. Visiting hours were held on Friday, April 30th in the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to help offset the cost of Ron's funeral expenses, c/o Tim Guillotte.

For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

John N. DeCosta, Jr., 58, of Mattapoisett died April 28th at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Marianne (McGrath) DeCosta.

Born in New Bedford, son of the late John N. "Jackie" and Geraldine "Gerry" (Francis) DeCosta, he lived in Mattapoisett all of his life.

He was employed as a Park Supervisor for the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Mr. DeCosta continued a family tradition of service to the Town of Mattapoisett started by his grandparents and later by his father. He was one of the founding members of the town's Community Preservation Committee, a member of the Capital Planning Committee and Open Space and Recreation Committee, served as a call firefighter for 17 years, worked for the water department for 15 years and was presently serving as selectman.

He enjoyed local and American history. Spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John N. DeCosta, III of Mattapoisett; 2 sisters, Carolyn Lopes and her husband Clifton of Mattapoisett and Jacqueline Barrett and her husband Bruce Lemieux of Bath, ME; 3 grandchildren, Jacoby, Noah and Aubrey and their mother Sarah Kaempf; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the father of the late William F. DeCosta.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, May 3rd in St. Anthony's Church. Burial followed in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Sunday, May 2nd in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mattapoisett Historical Society, 5 Church St. P.O. Box 535 Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Frank H. Warrington** on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at the Royal of Fairhaven Nursing Home. He was the husband of Nancy C. Warrington, with whom he shared 65 loving years of marriage.

Born in Acushnet, he was the son of the late Frank W. and Gertrude (Harwood) Warrington. He lived in New Bedford for most of his life.

Frank was a graduate of New Bedford Vocational High School. After completing high school, he was employed as a machinist at the Continental Screw Company in New Bedford. He then moved to California with his family and was employed by Lockheed. Upon returning to New Bedford, he became an educator sharing his craft and trade in the machine shop with high school students. Frank was employed at Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester, and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School where he retired. Frank's love of teaching did not end after his retirement as he continued to sub for many years.

A passion of Frank's was coaching. He was a baseball coach at Ted Williams Baseball Camp in Lakeville for many years. He also coached basketball at Dave Cowens Camp. Additionally, he was a football, basketball, and baseball coach at Apponequet Regional High School.

A hobby of Frank's was his enthusiasm for trains. This was something he was able to share and pass on to his grandson, Matthew. In his spare time, Frank was always there to support his grandchildren participating in their different sports, watching the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics and spending time by the pool. He also enjoyed golfing with his brother,

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about their concerns.

"People are coming back," said Desmarais. "It's nice to see the activities at the COA using the tents. … That has been working well."

Desmarais said the COA would be working with the Fire Department to conduct a "sharps drop-off" on Wednesday, May 12, from 9:00 am to noon. According to Desmarais, the Fire Department will be taking on the responsibility that the Police Department has historically managed. Desmarais said the Fire Department would facilitate more sharps drop-offs with the COA in the future.

"Well, it sounds like things are relatively peaceful and quiet at the moment," said Hoffer. "We will hope it stays that way."

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at 4:00 pm.

Kick-Off Meeting Fumbled

Mattapoisett Bike/Pedestrian Committee

By Marilou Newell

The April 28 meeting of the Mattapoisett Bike/Pedestrian Committee, whose purpose in part is to study the impact of safety options and improvements on public ways, failed to reach a quorum. The planned "kick-off meeting" for the Complete Streets Projects was a fumble.

Invitations had been sent to the Highway Department and the Police Department; however, those representatives were not present. Still, those present informally discussed what needs to happen when the rescheduled "kick-off" meeting is held on Wednesday, May 12, at 2:00 pm.

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Glenn, and grandson. Most of all, he loved every moment he spent with his family and friends.

Frank was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Nancy; a daughter, Wendy Hasson of Taunton; two sons, Dana Warrington and his wife Susan of Florida and Marc Warrington of New Bedford; five grandchildren, Matthew Hasson, Lauren Hasson, Carly Warrington Medeiros and her husband Kevin, Jamey Warrington, and Katey Warrington; his brother, Glenn Warrington and his wife Norma of New Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend his burial service at the Acushnet Cemetery, 91 Main St., Acushnet, MA on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 12:00. Arrangements have been made with the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Anita Harriet (Dawson) Croft, 100, of Mattapoisett died peacefully at her home, on Thursday, April 29, 2021, while surrounded by loved ones. She missed celebrating her 101st birthday by only a week.

Anita was born, and spent her early childhood in Margaree Harbor, on Cape Breton Island, in Nova Scotia, Canada. She was the daughter of the late William Dawson and Clara (MacIntosh) Dawson. Anita's family moved to Malden, Massachusetts in the late 1920's. She graduated from Malden High School and Chandler Secretarial School in Boston. Anita enjoyed working for several years in accounting at H.P. Hood and Sons, in Boston.

Anita married her high school sweetheart, William "Bill" Croft, in 1942. They moved to Mattapoisett in 1951 where Anita became a homemaker and worked part-time doing accounting for Brownell Boatyards and the Gingras' Gas Station, both in Mattapoisett. She was an active member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Anita was an avid reader and supporter of the Mattapoisett Library. She was involved with the Mattapoisett Historical Museum and the Mattapoisett Land Trust. She loved cats and could often be found with a book in her hand and a cat by her side. Anita loved the town of Mattapoisett and her many friends about town. Everyone who met her appeared to love her for her kind, witty and always patient personality.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Anita was predeceased by her husband, William Croft, in 2003. Survivors include her two daughters, Lisa Anderson and her husband, Jeff, of Marion and Lauren Vaughan and her husband, Allen, of Stafford, VA; three grandsons, Eric Anderson and his wife, Molly, of Baltimore, MD; David Anderson and his wife Colleen, of Mountain View, HI; and Daniel Vaughan and his wife Cherrie, of Sanford, NC. She has three great-grandchildren, Jessica, Sara, and William Vaughan. Anita also leaves behind her devoted niece, Marjorie Johnson of Somers, CT; and many great nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to express appreciation to her loving CNA's and to Southcoast Hospice. To honor her memory, do something kind for someone in need. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Mattapoisett Historical Society, 5 Church St., P.O. Box 535, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739.

Her memorial service will be held on Friday May 7, 2021 at 12 Noon at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett, with visitation from 11 am-12 pm prior to the service. Burial in Cushing Cemetery, Mattapoisett will be private. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Brian K. Dean, 64, of New Bedford passed away at home in his sleep on Saturday May 1, 2021. He was the husband of Janice E. (Santos) Dean; they had been married for 40 years.

Born in New Bedford, the son of the late Foster and Priscilla (Senna) Dean, he lived in New Bedford all of his life.

Brian was employed as a school bus driver for the Old Rochester Regional School District for 35 years.

He was a homebody who enjoyed the company of family and friends, puttering around his home and yard, watching movies, riding his motorcycle, and caring for his grandson.

He is survived by his wife Janice; his children, Mark B. Dean and Rebecca L. Pacheco; his grandson, Dante Pacheco; his siblings, Wayne Dean, Michael Dean, Donna Wagner, Linda Dean, Dottie Gidley, and Lisa Westgate; and many nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday May 4, 2021 at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Burial will follow in Rural Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Monday May 3, 2021 at the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Michael J. Reed, Sr., "Iron Mike", 72, of Marion passed away on Thursday April 29, at Tobey Hospital. He was the husband of the late Marjorie I. (Schroth) Reed of 50+ yrs. Born in Wareham the son of the late Ralph E. Reed and Mary H. (Kelly) Reed.

A 1968 Graduate of Wareham High School he worked for Gault Transportation and served in the U.S. Navy, Sea Bees during Vietnam. He later worked for the Hiller Dodge, Co. and the Marion DPW as a mechanic. He also worked at Pinewood Cranberry Corp. and in the 1990's acquired his cousin's Building Moving business.

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Present at this gathering were Bonne DeSousa, Steve Smith, and Robert Teixeira. The first issue discussed was a hoped-for, four-way stop at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Depot Street. The group was unable to advance the idea in the absence of a representative from the Highway Department.

On the remote meeting was Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, who said that he had been in conversation with Bill Mertz, Vice President of WorldTech Engineering LLC, on the status of engineering plans for the intersections of Mattapoisett Neck and Brandt Island Road. Lorenco said the $35,000 contract with Mertz is pending final signatures and that G.A.F. Engineering has completed the survey work. DeSousa confirmed that plans will include modest roadway reconfigurations granting better visibility to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

The group also briefly discussed the need for more in-depth discussions with the Police Department in order to ascertain the best location for what have been termed "traffic calming" signals known as radar speed feedback signs planned along North Street from Route 6 north to Wolf Island Road.

Lorenco said that the public, as well as the committee members, should plan to give the Board of Selectmen their suggestions on the positioning of the flashing speed signs, and that the Police Department's recommendations are needed as well. Final decisions will be made by the selectmen, Lorenco said.

DeSousa also brought up safety concerns regarding motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists on Goodspeed

OBITUARIES

He was a member of the Marion, VFW POST 2425, (Senior Warden) of the Freemasons, The Antique Truck Club of America and The Granite State Chapter. He is survived by his sons; Michael J. and Ralph E. Reed as well as many loving relatives and friends.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.warehamvillagefuneralhome.com. Services will be private at this time.

Ruth J. "Jane" Comstock, 92, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on April 28, 2021.

Jane was born in Woodbridge, NJ and was the daughter of the late Martin Ratajack and Clara (Olsen) Meier.

Jane was employed with Cornell Dublier for several years and also worked locally as a waitress. Jane was a beautiful, gentle soul. Her favorite saying was "blessed be the peacemakers", words that she lived by daily. She enjoyed spending time outdoors tending to her vegetable and flower gardens and walking along Horseneck Beach in Westport. Jane also enjoyed traveling, in particular, her trip to Bermuda with her mother and sisters. Above all else, she absolutely cherished the time she spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren,. She was loved by so many and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her children, William T. Morgan and his wife Sherry of Middleboro, Dona J. Morgan of Fairhaven, Kathleen A. Morgan and her husband Robert of Mattapoisett, Timothy M. Morgan and his wife Lisa of Florida and Karen A. Vital and her husband Scott of Dartmouth; sister, Patricia A. Kimball of Fairhaven; thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Robert Ratajack and Claire Donahue.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a time of visitation on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 4-6 pm in the Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven.

Prayers will begin in the funeral home at 5:30 pm.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jane's memory may be made to the MA Alzheimer's Association.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.hathawayfunerals.com

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Movie Review

The Killer

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Dead Man* (1996). Starring Johnny Depp and Gary Farmer. Directed by Jim Jarmusch. Running time: 120 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Available on streaming services.**

Jim Jarmusch's *Dead Man,* which turns 25 in a week or so, is a pristine and delicate mood piece — or, at least, as delicate as a movie with such alarming incidents of violence can be. Surely it wasn't his intention, but Jarmusch, in opting for black and white photography (world-class D.P. Robby Müller did the honors, in a portfolio of lush, stark beauty that warrants inclusion among the all-time finest achievements of cinematography), found a way around the MPAA's overactive gag reflex. Certainly such images as a fresh corpse's skull crushed under an assassin's heavy boot, followed by a sprightly dual jet of blood through the nose, would have dared an NC-17 rating if shot in color.

The first five minutes — the deceptively lugubrious train journey of William Blake (Johnny Depp) to the hellish town of Machine, where an accountancy job supposedly awaits him — show you exactly why Jarmusch dismissed color this time out. Jarmusch must've seen how much fun David Lynch had with b&w portraits of ancient chugging machinery in *The Elephant Man* and decided to join in. Watching the black steam of the engine befouling the gray-metal sky as rusty gears churn, you may forget to breathe as you realize how seldom you see true examples of black-and-white artwork at the movies these days. Blake sits through the train ride, sometimes glancing out the window, sometimes leafing through a pamphlet with odd advertisements, often nodding off (the movie keeps helpfully fading to black, as if turning the lights out for him). Your first indication that this is a Jarmusch movie, and not just a radical change of milieu, is Crispin Glover's appearance as a soot-covered engine worker who sits across from Blake and expresses bottomless hostility while barely maintaining a poker face.

Blake arrives in Machine, where a towering Robert Mitchum (in his final screen performance — a fine one to go out on) points a rifle at him and denies any such job waiting for him. The dejected Blake detains himself at a boarding house with a tenuously reformed prostitute (Mili Avital); they are interrupted in bed by her estranged beau (Gabriel Byrne), leading to gunplay that results in two and a half corpses. The half-corpse is Blake himself, carrying a bullet in his frame not deep enough to kill him outright but too deep to dig out. The latter fact is discovered by Nobody (Gary Farmer), an Indian who happens across Blake's unconscious body. Nobody, it turns out, is a scholar of poetry; hearing Blake's name, he takes the white man for *the* William Blake — "You are a poet and a painter, and now, William Blake, you are a killer of white men." Blake isn't inclined to argue. He's been a nobody himself; now, at least, he gets to be somebody, even if it's somebody else.

The movie proceeds slowly and digressively, like an Anthony Mann Western chilled out and left to thaw, wedded to a drizzly and mournful fuzz-guitar score by Neil Young; sometimes we feel it should've been titled *Deadpan*. As if to compensate for the inexpressive-by-design Depp (few actors can do as much with as little facial animation as Depp can) and the stoically bemused Nobody, Jarmusch fills this text's margins with antic performers — Iggy Pop, Billy Bob Thornton, and Jared Harris turn up, bickering around a campfire; Alfred Molina, a smilingly racist trader who offers Nobody pox-ridden blankets and obsequiously seeks Blake's autograph; Lance Henriksen is a cartoonishly vicious assassin, with Michael Wincott as his partner, filling the air with raspy, inconsequential observations. For a while the narrative plays out as a collection of anecdotes, a horseback road movie; then, as Blake draws nearer to death and makes it to Nobody's village, Jarmusch goes all the way into mysticism and absurdity.

I know (and have read) several people who have no patience for the elaborate dawdling in *Dead Man*. It's true that if you attempt to catch it at too late an hour, you may nod off along with Blake — that opening sequence is a test. But every time I've seen it, I was held by Depp's transformation from white-man non-entity to the Jarmusch version of the affectless Man With No Name, blandly asking an antagonist "Do you know my poetry?" before delivering a lead haiku. Physically beautiful, temperamentally reflective, "meaningless" scene for scene until you ponder it afterward, the film is itself a poem — a meditation on death that shrugs at life but then moves beyond a shrug. If you have the stomach for its wanderings, and its "poetry written with blood," this is an original and masterful achievement. Dead on the surface (even the photography has the grim authority of the slab), it comes to life, vampire-like, in your head days later.

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Island Road. She said those concerns need to be addressed before the opening of the highly anticipated new recreational span currently under construction along the roadway to the barrier beach and Eel Pond beach. She wondered aloud who is responsible for the safety plan. Lorenco said he would bring that question before the selectmen.

The committee members also spent time discussing overall safety on bike/pedestrian paths. Smith started the discussion when he asked which side of the path walkers should use. DeSousa said there are not any state or local regulations, only that Massachusetts General Law states that cyclists are to travel with the flow of traffic and pass on the left. "Bikes are to yield to pedestrians," she said.

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TriTown Happenings

A great blue heron coming out of the marsh in Mattapoisett. Photo by Mary-Ellen Livingstone

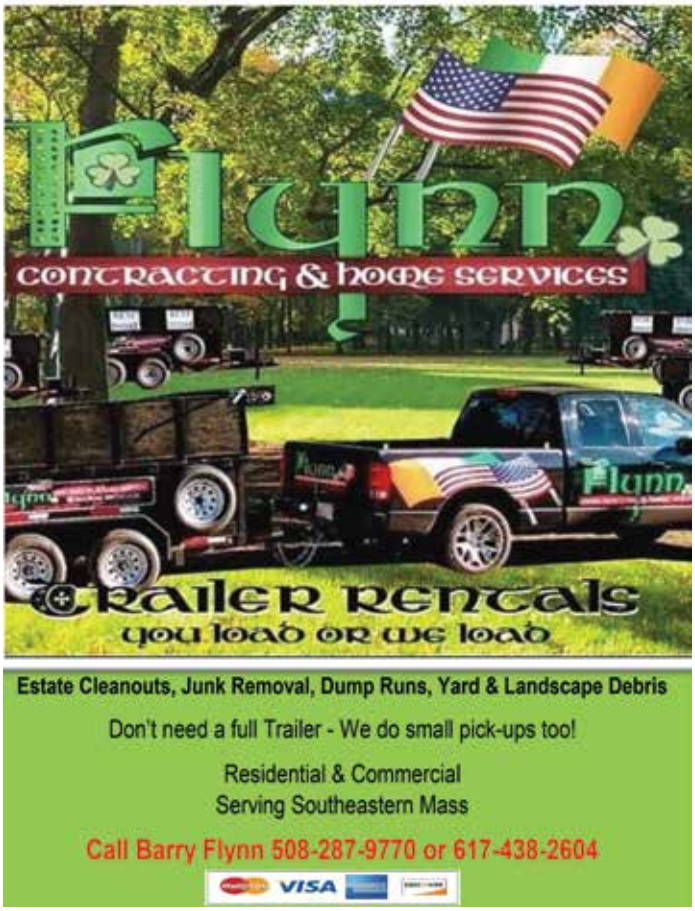
Teresa Dall submitted this photo of her fairy houses out and ready for tenants in her backyard fairy garden.

Monday was Decision Day at ORR. Seniors sported attire showcasing their chosen destinations for their post high school days. Photos courtesy Erin Bednarczyk

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

DeSousa said that the Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path had offered up to $20,000 for amenities along bike paths and that some of those funds could possibly be used to hire an expert to help guide the community's safety regulations for the path. She said that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation planner was not able to address such concerns. Smith thinks any regulations implemented for Mattapoisett's pathways should be consistent with others in the state. DeSousa said she has recommended to the selectmen that rules used along the Cape Cod Canal could work. She said it's simply a matter of pedestrians keeping to the right.

DeSousa thinks the most consistent rules are those already in place for riding or walking on roadways. Stay to the right and, "Don't mow down the pedestrians,"



Thank you **John DeCosta** for your service, leadership and dedication to the town of Mattapoisett.

John, we've been friends since our Center School days together. I've been honored to work with you on countless town and scout committees over the years. You were destined to be a Selectman and I'm so happy about your accomplishments including being named Mattapoisett Man of the Year. You're a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather and a tremendous friend.

With love, Jodi Lynn Bauer

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights April 25-May 1
- Point Rd – Family disturbance
- Derby Ln – EMS/medical
- Washburn Ln - Trespassing
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Washburn Ln – Paper service
- Wareham Rd - Trespassing
- Village Dr - Trespassing
- Point Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- River Rd – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Officer wanted
- South St – Officer wanted
- Mill St - Trespassing
- County Rd – Vandalism/in progress
- Converse Rd – Noise complaint
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Mill St - Disturbance
- County Rd – EMS/medical
- Sassamon Trl – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Larceny/past
- West Ave – Officer wanted
- Oliver St – B&E/past
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Health/welfare
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Village Dr - Disturbance
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – Animal complaint

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights April 25-May 1
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- Reservation Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Wolf Island Rd – 911 abandoned
- Long Plain Rd – Lost property
- Dexter Ln – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Reservation Rd – Officer wanted
- Goodspeed Island – Suspicious MV
- Pearl St - Threats
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Restraining order
- Brierpatch Ln – Larceny/forgery
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln - Complaint
- North St - Notification
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Medical/assist
- Brant Beach Ave - Disturbance
- Neds Point Rd - Vandalism
- Neds Point Rd - Trespassing
- Bay Club Rd – Animal control
- Briar Rd – Assist citizen
- River Rd – Suspicious MV
- Meadowbrook Ln – Medical/assist
- Pine Island Rd – Assist citizen
- Fairhaven Rd – Restraining order
- Maple Ln - Disturbance
- Maple Ln - Disturbance

ROCHESTER
Log highlights April 25-May 1
- Alley Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd - Medical
- Alley Rd – General services
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious activity
- Looks Mill Ln - Medical
- Cushman Rd – MV collision
- Featherbed Ln - Medical
- Dexter Ln – Firearms surrender
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint
- Gerrish Rd - Medical
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/citation
- Rounseville Rd - Fraud
- Marion Rd – Suspicious activity
- Bishop Rd – Noise complaint
- Porter Rd – Animal complaint
- North Ave – MV collision
- Marion Rd - Medical
- North Ave - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/summons
- Fire Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- County Rd – Noise complaint
- Robinson Rd – Animal complaint
- Alley Rd - Fraud
- Forbes Rd – Lost animal
- County Rd – MV stop/summons
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, May 10: Shepherd's pie, peas & mushrooms, oatmeal roll, pears
Tuesday, May 11: Cajun chicken, dirty rice, California blend, whole wheat roll, banana
Wednesday, May 12: Spaghetti w/Bolognese sauce, Italian blend, dinner roll, applesauce
Thursday, May 13: Veal roulade w/Dijon herb sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, tarragon carrots, multigrain bread, mixed fruit
Friday, May 14: Hungarian turkey skillet, penne pasta mixed vegetables, dinner roll, Mandarin oranges

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, May 10: Tyson crispy chicken tenders, parmesan egg noodles, golden corn, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Tuesday, May 11: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, pasta salad with veggies, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Wednesday, May 12: Whole grain French toast sticks, pancake syrup, sausage link, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Thursday, May 13: American chop suey, whole grain dinner roll, green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Friday, May 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, May 10: Tyson crispy chicken tenders, parmesan egg noodles, golden corn, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Tuesday, May 11: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, pasta salad with veggies, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Wednesday, May 12: Whole grain French toast sticks, pancake syrup, sausage link, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Thursday, May 13: American chop suey, whole grain dinner roll, green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Friday, May 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, May 10: Tyson crispy chicken tenders, parmesan egg noodles, golden corn, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Tuesday, May 11: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, pasta salad with veggies, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Wednesday, May 12: Whole grain French toast sticks, pancake syrup, sausage link, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Thursday, May 13: American chop suey, whole grain dinner roll, green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Friday, May 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, May 10: Tyson crispy chicken tenders, parmesan egg noodles, golden corn, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Tuesday, May 11: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, pasta salad with veggies, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Wednesday, May 12: Whole grain French toast sticks, pancake syrup, sausage link, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Thursday, May 13: Grilled chicken parmesan over pasta, whole grain dinner roll, green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Friday, May 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, May 10: Tyson crispy chicken tenders, parmesan egg noodles, golden corn, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Tuesday, May 11: Hot dog on a roll, BBQ baked beans, pasta salad with veggies, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Wednesday, May 12: Whole grain French toast sticks, pancake syrup, sausage link, roasted potato wedges, fresh veggie sticks, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Thursday, May 13: American chop suey, whole grain dinner roll, green beans, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch
Friday, May 14: Cheese pizza, garden salad, assorted fresh fruit, 1% milk (OR) chicken salad sandwich fun lunch

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, May 10: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Tuesday, May 11: Chicken nuggets, fries & bread
Wednesday, May 12: In school students will have opportunity to bring home PB&J meal
Thursday, May 13: Turkey club & fries
Friday, May 14: Assorted pizza

she jokingly added. Teixeira commented, "It comes down to courtesy."

The next meeting of the Bike/Pedestrian Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, at 2:00 pm, at which time a formal kick-off is planned for the in-depth discussion of the Complete Streets Plan.

Cougars Finish Ahead of Schedule

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

The Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School golf team had 10 matches slated for the Fall II season, all held in April. So, on top of the fall sport being played at the start of spring, the Cougars had a jam-packed, four-week schedule. Combine that with the fact that Old Colony's top six golfers were all sophomores — albeit a promising group for the future — and it looked like the Fall II season would be a learning experience for the Cougars above all else.

Yet they now head into the offseason having won each of their regular season matches and finishing third in the Mayflower Athletic Conference tournament, which only featured two golfers per team this season instead of a full roster of six.

"I didn't anticipate this," Old Colony golf coach Kathy Peterson said. "I knew the top two would be set. But the rest of the team, I wasn't sure how much they had played in the offseason leading up. Then when you look at some days (this season), we had times where everybody shot (nine-hole rounds) under 50."

Peterson even recalled one match where her No. 6 golfer, **Will Har**rop, matched Old Colony's No. 1 golfer, **Luke Butler**, with 42 strokes. In between the two were **Brady Weglowski**, **Ty Dumas**, **Michael Niemi**, and **Derek Fortunato**, who all contributed to wins on multiple occasions throughout the season.

"It was just fun to watch their excitement," she said. "They work hard. I couldn't ask for nicer kids. Everything is 'please' and 'thank you, Coach.' You don't always get that. Even with the top two kids, there's no ego."

While their skill will help them build on their success from April when high school golf season comes around again at the start of the 2021-22 academic year, the Cougars' mental approach to the game will also play a big part with the lofty expectations that will follow their undefeated 2021 Fall II season.

"We talk about playing hole by hole, shot by shot," Peterson said. "Anybody who golfs, you're going to have good and bad days.... We talk about mental toughness and how they approach their shots, adjusting club selection if they're having a bad day because they're playing to win a hole in match play, not total score.

"I'll focus more on navigating match plays and not as much total scores, which is what they get hung up on. I'm also hoping to work on their chipping and putting. We'll try to perfect that part of their game because most of them are good out of the tee box.

Old Rochester Regional Football

Despite all the ups and downs they've endured this season, the Bulldogs have a chance to become South Coast Conference Blue Division champions. Faced with a rematch against the same Dighton-Rehoboth squad that blew them out to start the Fall II season, ORR turned the tables when it counted most on May 1. Late in the game, ORR quarterback **Ryon Thomas** connected with **Ryan Quinlan** to bring the Bulldogs within one point of tying the game. The Bulldogs elected to go for the two-point conversion, and Thomas delivered, converting to secure a 36-35 SCC semifinal win.

ORR gets back to work Saturday, May 8, for their final game of the season — a 6:00 pm meeting with Apponequet for the SCC Blue Division title.

Old Colony Football

After it took some time to earn their first win of the season, the Cougars managed to finish off their season with back-to-back wins. Coming off a hard-fought 20-18 win against Upper Cape on April 23, Old Colony faced a Diman Vocational squad in a game that was supposed to be played earlier in the season. The Bengals had to quarantine midseason, leaving the Cougars with back-to-back bye weeks.

When the Cougars finally got the chance to face Diman on April 30, they made sure to take care of business. **Ryan McGuiggan**, the hero of the win against

Super Crossword

GEE, THANKS!

ACROSS

1 Participated in a PAC
8 Gridlock
15 Muffler, e.g.
20 "Amen to that!"
21 Blank-faced, as a comic
22 Gung-ho
23 Basic items on a canal boat?
25 Auto gear
26 Has it wrong
27 "Who is —?"
28 Day, to Diego
29 One hocking something
30 Nonclerical
31 Niche religion
32 Large-scale swindle?
35 Cubs hero Sammy
36 Hip dwellings
37 Make holy
38 Glowing molten rock?
42 Like acids
43 Rough- — (unfinished)
47 Wintry glaze
48 Dundee denial
49 "How precious!"
50 "John Q." actress Anne
51 Place to grow grapes
54 TV program about kings and queens?
58 Settles up
59 Assistant on an iPhone
61 Suffix with hepta-
62 Radius site
63 Granola grain
64 European city famous for post-drinking headaches?
69 In history
72 Pot-au- — (French stew)
73 Poem form
74 "Not so fast!"
75 Makes the decision
79 Press-on nails?
83 "Dream on!"
85 Radiant
86 Gun rights gp.
87 Old Pan Am rival
89 Tutu, e.g.
90 Comic Martha
91 Fill to excess
93 Placards that say "I'm only human"?
96 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael
98 Very light
99 Wry grimace
100 Weekly time to play some British football?
104 Chapel part
105 In a funk
108 Hasty glance
109 Mac
110 District
111 Flowing hair
112 Schoolyard retort
113 Spanning structure bought from a catalog?
117 Big name in watches
118 Made fit, as a suit
119 Snobbish behavior
120 When some early risers go to bed
121 Promises
122 Works for seven

DOWN

1 Insult in print
2 Fictional Scarlett
3 Bush fruit
4 Totes, e.g.
5 Intense anger
6 Visual acuity determiner
7 It may record a fender bender
8 Fateful March day
9 Grown boys
10 Gentle touch
11 Reebok rival
12 Neighbor of Andorra
13 Tongs may be placed in it
14 U.S. nav. officer
15 Auto types
16 Auto-cleaning services
17 Winemaking phase
18 Party hearty
19 Brother, in French
24 Use a couch
29 Boat landing
31 Like dirty chimneys
32 Wii user, e.g.
33 Nutrition fig.
34 Viral illness
35 "Good grief!"
36 Club swingers' gp.
38 Abbr. on an invitation
39 Tony winner Kazan
40 Refute
41 Drug banned by MLB
42 Title river in a Jolson hit
44 Canyon call
45 "Not so fast!"
46 Pond critter
49 Gung-ho
50 Service song
52 Emmy-winning Ed
53 Cobble together
55 Wetland bird
56 Schoolyard retort
57 Salvers
60 Côte d'— (nation in Afrique)
65 Two or three
66 Writer Buchanan
67 Lunged toward
68 Terrier type, for short
69 At a distance
70 Reciprocal of nano-
71 YOLO part
76 Smug sort
77 Gull relative
78 Match parts
80 Loses all one's moolah
81 Alert
82 Tale
84 Topic
88 Lopsided
91 In — (as placed)
92 Prefix with puncture
93 Actress Wasikowska
94 Electrical units
95 Susceptible to being misplaced
97 Magnate
98 Bewildered
100 Gorbachev's wife
101 Perturb
102 "Capeesh?"
103 Software package
104 Have life
105 — Hawkins Day
106 Teen turmoil
107 Judges to be
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114 Certain URL ending
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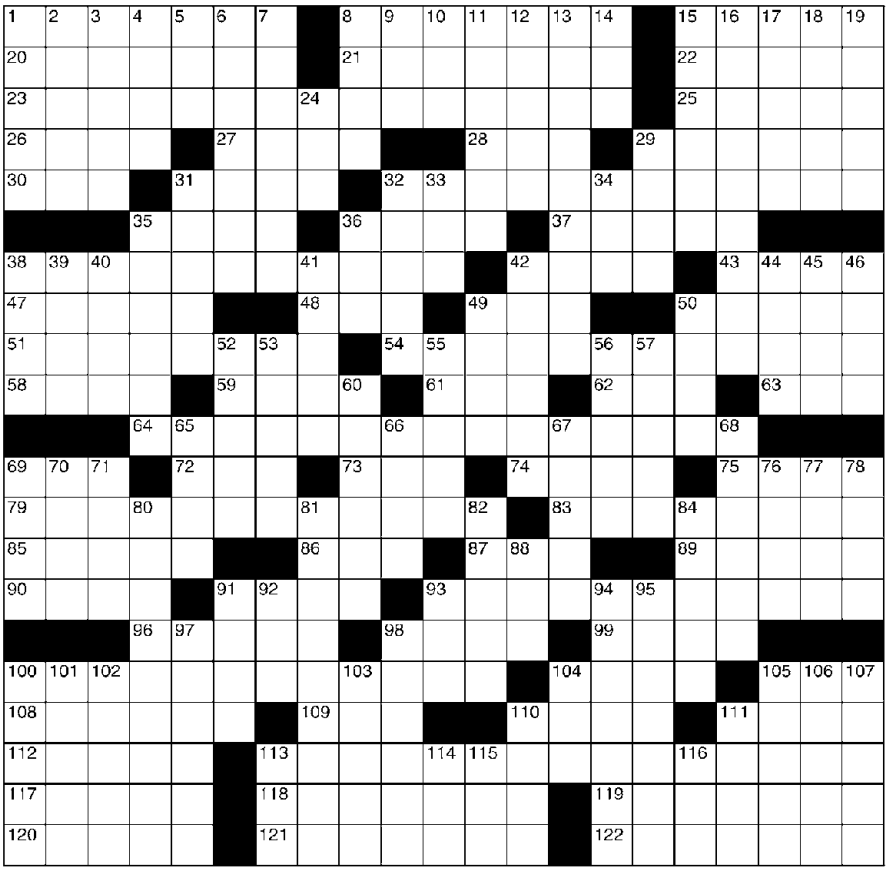
116 Lacerate



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a work-place problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called mystery situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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Upper Cape, rushed for 72 yards and two touchdowns on 17 attempts. The Old Colony running back also caught three passes from his brother **Matt McGuiggan** for 105 yards.

Shawn Markham caught **Matt McGuiggan's** three other competitions for 98 yards and two touchdowns. **Thomas Stanton** had 19 rushing attempts and led the Cougars with 173 yards on the ground, 50 of which came on his fourth-quarter touchdown run.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Residents of Marion,

The Marion Historical Commission requests your vote in favor of our Community Preservation Commission grant application at Town Meeting on May 10.

This funding will continue our town-wide effort to document and research the important historic and architectural resources of Marion. In keeping with the Town's Master Plan goals of preserving Marion's "historic seaside charm," our survey projects will give us the foundational basis for identifying and preserving properties and open spaces that contribute to Marion's unique aesthetic quality and history.

With this information, we can continue to work together towards protecting and preserving Marion's treasured architectural heritage.

Thanks for your support on May 10.

Sincerely,
Sidney Bowen, Bryan McSweeny, Meg Steinberg, Will Tifft, and Jane Tucker
Marion Historical Commission

Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library is conducting a community survey as part of our long-range strategic planning! We need your input to help us make decisions about future programs, services, and policies. Take the Elizabeth Taber Library Planning Survey online to be entered to win a $20 gift card. Print surveys are available at the Library, COA, and at the Marion Art Center.
To take the survey visit: forms.gle/4QRKiG3Zf7LLkfiU9 or visit www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org. For questions or comments please email ETLibrarysurvey@gmail.com or call the library at 508-748-1252. Thank you!

The Elizabeth Taber Library is holding an outdoor book sale at the library on Friday and Saturday, **May 7 & 8**, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Pick a large or small bag and fill it for $10 or $5. All proceeds benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library! Please wear a mask.

For more information call the library at 508-748-1252.

Mattapoisett Annual Town Meeting & Election Information

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Monday, **May 10**, at Old Rochester Regional High School. The Annual Town Election will be held at Old Hammondtown School on Tuesday, **May 18**. The polls will be open from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. More information is available on the town website www.mattapoisett.net. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x 2 with any questions regarding these important events.

Rochester Women's Club Scholarship Winners

The scholarship committee of the Rochester Women's Club is very proud to announce the winners of their scholarships.

From Old Rochester Regional High School, **Carly Drew** and **Paige Sommers** will each receive the Raymond C. Hartley $1,000 Scholarship. **Dalaney Shaw** of Portsmouth Abbey School will receive the $1,000 "Snookie" Scholarship.

We are honored as a club and very proud of all of our applicants. We wish the very best to every graduating student of 2021. You are ready to step into the next stage of your life, go forth conscientiously and courageously. Thank you for being our future.

ORR Students to Perform 'MacBeth'

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will perform "Macbeth" on **May 21-22** as a drive-in movie at the high school.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Highway Department, Town of Rochester is soliciting sealed bids for the following services under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws:

50,000 square yards (plus or minus) of roadway pulverizing, re-grading and preparation within the Town of Rochester for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained on the Town of Rochester's website at www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-rfps or at the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday until 1:00 pm, excluding holidays. Bids will be accepted at Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 until June 3, 2021. Bids will be opened and publicly read via Zoom at 4:00 pm on June 3, 2021. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398747257. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a bid bond, cash, or certified check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. A payment bond in an amount equal to 50% of the total amount of the bid with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including GL Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Payment of minimum wage rates required. Bidders must be prequalified and present certificate of prequalification with bids. The Town of Rochester reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Suzanne Szyndlar, Chief Procurement Officer
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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Highway Department, Town of Rochester is soliciting sealed bids for the following services under the provisions of Chapter 30, Section 39M of the Massachusetts General Laws:

Pavement micro-milling of 75,000 square yards (plus or minus) of roadway within the Town of Rochester for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained on the Town of Rochester's website at www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-rfps or at the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday until 1:00 pm, excluding holidays. Bids will be accepted at Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 until June 3, 2021. Bids will be opened and publicly read via Zoom at 4:00 pm on June 3, 2021. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398747257. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a bid bond, cash, or certified check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. A payment bond in an amount equal to 50% of the total amount of the bid with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including GL Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Payment of minimum wage rates required. Bidders must be prequalified and present certificate of prequalification with bids. The Town of Rochester reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following item will be received at the Selectmen's Office until the time specified below at which time the proposals will be opened and publicly read via Zoom:

Type I Bituminous Concrete Laid in Place

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained on the Town of Rochester's website at www.townofrochestermass.com/home/pages/bids-rfps or at the Selectmen's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday until 1:00 pm, excluding holidays. Bids will be accepted at Town Hall in the Selectmen's Office, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 until June 3, 2021. Bids will be opened and publicly read via Zoom at 4:00 pm on June 3, 2021. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86398747257. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security consisting of a bid bond, cash, or certified check issued by a responsible bank or trust company in the amount of 5% of the bid price. A payment bond in an amount equal to 100% of the total amount of the bid with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. All bids for this project are subject to applicable public bidding laws of Massachusetts, including GL Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Payment of minimum wage rates required. Bidders must be prequalified and present certificate of prequalification with bids. The Town of Rochester reserves the right to waive any informalities, to accept or reject, in whole or in part any or all bids, or take whatever action may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

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TOWN OF MARION
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a Public Hearing of the Marion School Committee regarding school choice for the 2021-2022 school year at 6:30 pm, on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Due to restrictions on public gatherings as a result of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely and members of the public will not be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting, please use the link information below.
https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/94188913848?pwd=bHB3YlRvb2JwRHFMRVNlY1VZM05N-QT09
If you need additional login information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956. 5/6

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion shall receive General Bids at the Marion Town House – Board of Selectmen's Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for the Construction of the Combined Pump Station Chemical Feed Building, Contract 11, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday, June 10, 2021. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:30 pm prevailing time, Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738.

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Marion shall receive Filed Sub-Bids for Masonry, Plumbing, and Electrical at the Marion Town House – Board of Selectmen's Office, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 for the Construction of the Combined Pump Station Chemical Feed Building, Contract No. 11, until 2:00 pm prevailing time, Thursday, May 27, 2021. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:30 pm prevailing time, Thursday, June 10, 2021 at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738. The General Bid opening and Filed Sub-Bid opening will be open to the public. Face masks and social distancing will be required during bid openings.

The Work of this Contract generally consists of a new 16'x22'-8" masonry chemical feed building with a pitched asphalt shingle roof including interior piping and appurtenances, chemical feed equipment, instrumentation, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical. Site work consists of clearing and grubbing, grading, approximately 175 linear feet of buried 6-inch and 10-inch water main, fittings, and appurtenances to connect to the existing water main, sample tubing, abandonment of a metering and chemical injection manhole, demolition of existing chemical feed buildings, buried electrical and signal conduit and wiring, chain link fence, and erosion controls.

Contract Documents may be obtained electronically through Tata & Howard, Inc., by contacting MarionBid@tataandhoward.com.

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Based on "The Tragedy of Macbeth" by Sir William Shakespeare and starring Tyler Trudeau as Macbeth and Chloe Bean as Lady Macbeth, the cast includes Isabel Friedrichs, Lee Grondin, Jimmy Harrington, Bessie Pierre, Jessica Vance, and Max Tucker.

Directors Beth Trout and Matthew P. Houde say, "Macbeth is a play about the desire to have it all while not caring who you hurt along the way. Macbeth and Banquo, two generals from King Duncan's army, fight to move up the line of succession to become King of Scotland. During their physical and mental battles, Macbeth takes matters into his own hands while involving a slew of other characters to do his dirty work. He eventually reaches his goal of King, but not while hurting many people along the way. In the end, does Macbeth truly win it all?"

The play is supported by Assistant Director Margaret Berry and Stage Manager Bailey Gosse with Set Construction by John Ashley, Costume Design by Marina Stephens, Set Design and Poster Art by Taylor Green, Lighting by Cooper Newton, Camera Operator Chris Bell, and Property Manager Tiago Duarte. Berry and Bell serve as the production's editors.

The event opens at 7:30 pm with an 8:30 pm showtime. The ORR softball field will be the Drive-In venue, and refreshments will be available for purchase at concession tables.

Drive-In tickets cost $30 per carload (a maximum of six people per car) and are available now for purchase through Eventbright. For more information, visit the FORD website: bit.ly/ORRDrama-FORD-2021.

Rochester Historical Society Opening

Save the date – Saturday, **May22**! The Museum at 355 County Road will be open from 10:00 – 3:00 with the grand opening of our new exhibit, "A Curator's Show, Part 1: Treasures from the Past." This will share many of the historic items donated over the years and previously tucked away. The exhibit is supported by the Rochester Cultural Council, a local agency, supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

In addition to the exhibit, we will be selling our many Rochester items, signing up or renewing memberships, and having a cookout with hot dog or hamburger lunches for a nominal fee. Also, there will be a dessert and baked goods table. We will be following all health and safety regulations. We look forward to seeing old and new friends, so if you're interested in hamburgers or history or both, please stop by.

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First Congregational Church of Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion and Saint Gabriel's Church invite you to come and pray during the National Day of Prayer Thursday, **May 6**, at 7:00 pm. We will jointly be hosting a Candlelight Prayer Service in the courtyard at Saint Gabriel's Church at 124 Front Street. For more information call the church office 508-748-1053 or 508-748-1507.

Theater at Marion Harbor

On Thursday, **May 13**, at 6:00 pm, the bandstand at Marion Harbor will be the site for a staged reading of "LZ Bravo: A Vietnam Tour of Duty," an original, one-act drama conceived and written by John Heavey, a local actor and the drama director at Tabor Academy. The play is based in part on "Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam," as well as other oral histories and writings from men and women who served in Vietnam. You'll hear the poignant voices of over three dozen characters, servicemen, and nurses who endured their year-long tour of duty in "the Nam," as well as families back home in the US. Heavey will lead a discussion with the audience following the show. Event tickets are just $5.

Tickets are available at marionartcenter.org/events/scsa-lz-bravo. Guests must wear masks unless consuming food or beverages while seated, and when 6 feet of distance from others cannot be maintained. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets and will be spaced according to Massachusetts

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Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount and in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract price will be required in the form described in the Instructions to Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after the actual date of the opening of the General Bids. Complete instructions for filing bids and sub-bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders. The bidding and award of the Contract will be under the provisions of "Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 149, Sections 44A-44J (MGL c.149, ss.44A-44J)". Each general bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for Pump Stations and an Update Statement in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D. Each sub-bid must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility for the respective trade and an Update Statement in accordance with MGL c. 149, s44D and s44F.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people and additional classifications who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. If the bidder views/obtains the plans and specifications from a source other than those noted in this Advertisement for Bids, the accuracy and/or completeness of the bid documents cannot be guaranteed and the bidder assumes the responsibility for obtaining any additional information regarding the project, including addenda, that may be required for bidding. Failure to acknowledge addenda issued during bidding shall designate a bid as non-responsive.

A copy of this advertisement is available on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org/). 5/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm.

NOTE REMOTE MEETING ON 05/20/2021 WILL START AT 6:00 PM***

Case #1467: Application of: Conrad H. & Janice M Roy, 56 Ocean Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; RE:56 Ocean Drive. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 3.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to demolish and rebuild a one-story ranch style Single Family Home. The property is further described as Plot 15B, Lot 12 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Case #1468: Application of: 0 Starboard Way, LLC, P.O. Box 117, Hollywood, SC 29445; RE:0 Starboard Way. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws to request permission to build a Single-Family Home in accordance with FEMA. The property is further described as Plot 12, Lot 36 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held VIA Zoom on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Due to restrictions on public gatherings because of COVID-19, this meeting will be held remotely, and members of the public will NOT be allowed to physically attend. To access the meeting please use the following log in information.
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Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.
Sincerely,
Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia 5/6, 5/13

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing remotely* on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:15 pm on the variance request submitted by G.A.F. Engineering pertaining to the property located at 57 Wareham Street, further identified as Map 9, Lot 20U.

The following variance is requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code:

310 CMR 15.211: Distances: The soil absorption system to be 10 feet from the cellar wall rather than the 20-foot requirement.
Edward P. Hoffer, MD, Chairman 5/6, 5/13
*Please contact Maureen Murphy at 508-748-3530 or mmurphy@marionma.gov during regular business hours for instructions on attending the meeting. The Zoom Link will be provided upon request.

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm regarding a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Thomas P. Jackivicz, III. & Pamela D. Pierce.

This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Applicants propose to install a Kayak Rack within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Coastal Bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 22).

The project is located at 17 Third Street which is further identified as Lots #154 & #156 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #2.

Contact Elizabeth Leidhold, Agent of the Conservation Commission by email at ELeidhold@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 5/6

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Planning Board will hold a Continued Public Hearing on May 17, 2021 at 7:05 pm via *Zoom to consider the application of Todd Zell, c/o N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, 1 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for review of a Definitive Plan for a two (2) lot Subdivision The property is located on County Road and identified on Marion Assessors Map 21 Lot 19.
To be held remotely via Zoom:
Meeting ID:
Join the Online Meeting at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84442195193?pwd=ZWRLcVVmd0FldXpackJESjFUSHRjZz09
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Passcode: 917632
The requested waivers for the Definitive Subdivision are as follows:
Waivers Requested and Allowed per Chapter 300 – Subdivision Regulations

Section 300-4.1. Streets.

B. (b) Min. Gradient = 1.0 %

0.68% Slope Provided to Minimize Fill.

Section 300-4.6 Stormwater Management

F. Stormwater Collection Systems

(1)(f) Ads Pipe provided with 12" of Cover vs. R.C.P. with 24" of Cover

(1)(g) Catch Basin Separation; 312 ft. > 300 ft.

(1)(j) Swale Sideslopes will be 2':1' with Erosion Control Fabric vs. 3':1' Requirement
William W, Saltonstall Chairman
Andrew M. Daniel, Vice-Chairman 5/6

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guidelines for safe social distancing.

The Robert O. Broomhead Bandstand is located at Island Wharf is located at 1 Island Wharf Road, Marion.

SouthCoast Spring Arts (SCSA) is a 10-day festival connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural experiences in communities from Fall River to Wareham. More than two dozen local cultural organizations have come together for SCSA to celebrate the arts across the SouthCoast region May 7-16. SCSA events will be virtual, hybrid, or outdoors in-person, in response to the state's current safety guidelines. Arts and culture lovers of all ages are invited to ignite their creative spirit and celebrate SouthCoast Spring Arts @ the MAC! Find out about more MAC events through our website at www.marionartcenter.org/scspringarts. SCSA events throughout the SouthCoast region are listed on the SCSA website at: southcoastspringarts.org/.

Eastern Box Turtles program at MNHM

The Marion Natural History Museum after-school group had a wonderful time learning about the Eastern Box Turtle with Brian Butler of Oxbow Associates, Inc. Brian explained why land turtles are rounder than turtles that live in water, and that turtles have been on earth for 200 million years. Box turtles protect themselves by pulling their heads and legs into their shell and closing up, however they don't move very fast. Although their shells can protect them from foxes and other predators, they aren't able to protect them from the weight of a car. When they try to cross a roadway and a car comes along, their instincts tell them to close up and stay put until the danger goes away. Because a turtle's spine is fused to the shell, if the shell gets run over and cracks they won't survive. If you see a box turtle trying to cross the road, please stop (if you can do so safely) and help move it off the road in the direction of where it's headed.

Brian showed us some of the measures that can be used by scientists to protect turtle nests from predators

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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
PART-TIME TREE LABORER- DUTCH ELM DEPARTMENT

The Town of Fairhaven is seeking Emergency Tree Laborers for its Tree Department.
The individuals will be employed by the Town on a part time basis and be called up during emergency events such as blizzards and large wind events (hurricanes, Nor-Easters, etc.). A full job description is located at www.Fairhaven-MA.gov under "Job Opportunities". Please contact Fairhaven Tree Warden, Don Collasius, at (508) 992-1222 or emai: dcollasius@fairhaven-ma.gov.The positions will remain open until filled. EEO/AA

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
The Marion Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers to serve on the followingTown boards and committees:
Capital Improvements Planning Committee
Cemetery Commissioners
Conservation Commission
Council on Aging
Fourth of July Parade Committee
Historical Commission
Marine Resources Commission
Marion Affordable Housing Trust
Marion Cultural Council
Marion Energy Management Committee
Marion Pathways Committee
Marion Scholarship Education Fund Committee
Mattapoisett River Valley Water District
Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee
Memorial Day Committee
Music Hall Advisory Committee
Parks/Trees Committee
Tri-Town River Committee
Water Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals

Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website. Please submit a letter of interest or completed application to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738

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and locate turtles in the field. We had a fun time locating the receivers that can be attached to the turtles so they can be located by radio telemetry. The students had a great time using the antennae receiver equipment to find the radio transmitters hidden in logs and shrubbery. The museum thanks Brian for the unique opportunity he provided to our students to have a hands-on experience in learning how scientists can help to protect these endangered animals.

Brian will be meeting with adults at Washburn park on Saturday, **May 22**, to help us learn a little about these turtles and, hopefully, locate a few. If you'd like to register for this program, please go to the Marion Natural History Museum website at www.marionmuseum.org and fill out a registration and submit. This program will be limited in number of attendees, and we will be following state recommendations for masks and social distancing.

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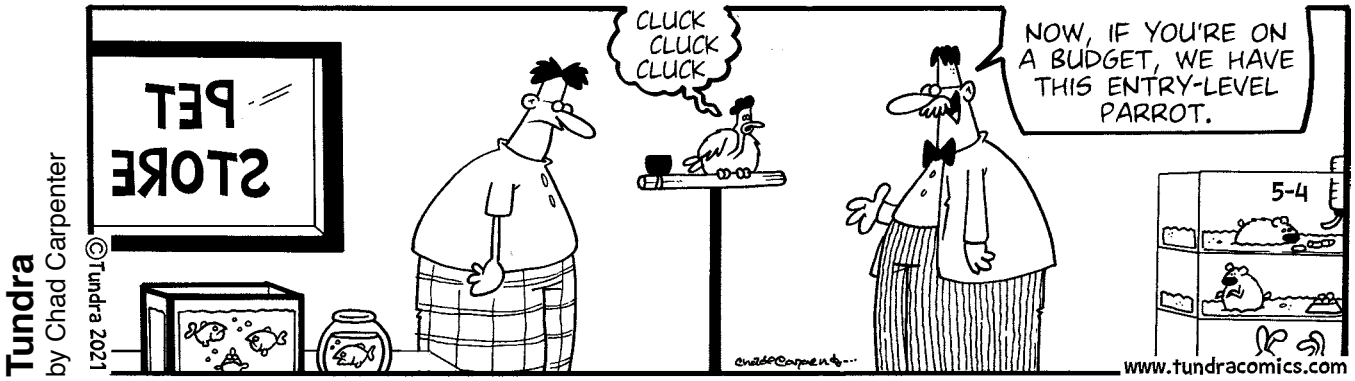
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life Sanctuary. During the summer, she monitors about 100 osprey nests in Westport. She also spent one summer working on an osprey recovery project in Illinois. Learn more with the virtual event "Osprey on the Massachusetts South Coast" on Thursday, **May 27**, at 7:00 pm. Free. All are welcome. To find out more and to register, email Justin Barrett at jmbarrett426@gmail.com or visit www.massbird.org/Nasketucket.

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Both spectators and contestants must exercise self-discipline. Face masks must be worn, and social distancing is a must if the Massachusetts state guidelines require it on Memorial Day, May 31.

-Boats will be staged 6 feet apart.

-There will be no registration sessions, no hot dog stand in Mattapoisett, and no awards program.

-The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the Rochester Council on Aging Senior Center, Dexter's Lane, Saturday, **May 29**, offering a choice of sit-down dining or take-out meals.

-After all registration forms are submitted, the Committee will assign and draw all starting position numbers and notify the teams of their starting number. Also, the list of teams will be posted at the Ham & Bean supper.

After the race, the final results will be posted on Facebook by late afternoon in a format similar to what has been handed out after the awards program in the past.

A team's prize certificates will be mailed to one of the entrants in the team. (Please print your address clearly). Trophies will be purchased and dealt with after the race.

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River, sponsored by the Rochester Fire Department, will take place on Memorial Day, **May 31**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

The minimum age for contestants is 7 years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

Divisions include open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old). Trophies are awarded to the first, second, and third place finishers in each division.

Pre-registration is required. No registration sessions will be held at the Rochester Senior Center as in past years. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Forms may be obtained at Lloyd's Market. You may go to Art's house, 319 Cushman Road, to get forms or email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request forms.

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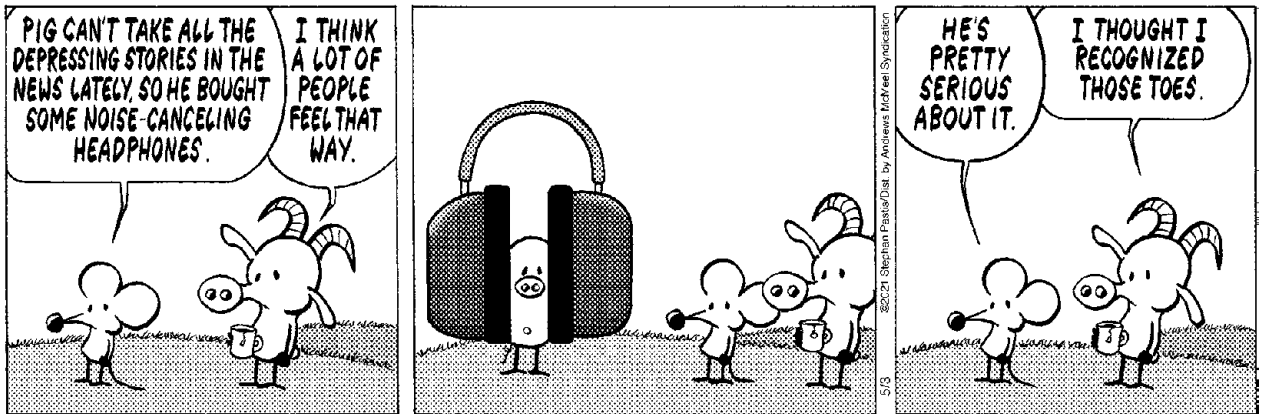

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The MAC's ArtStart Director and owner of Children's Art Lab, Benares Angeley, will lead the program. Young Artists will take lessons with several different instructors, most of whom are professional artists working in their fields. Projects for the week will include creating with clay with Stephanie Sherman, printing on fabric with Shara Porter, drawing with Dena Haden, sculpture with Aylin Cetik, and art discussion with Benares Angeley. Find out more about the instructors, the daily schedule and specific projects, and register online at marionartcenter.org/all-things-art.

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The Greater Boston Food Bank pickup is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 12,** from 11:00 am –1:00 pm. Food pickup must be made in person, unless prior arrangements have been made. Call the Rochester Senior Center to apply for this service.

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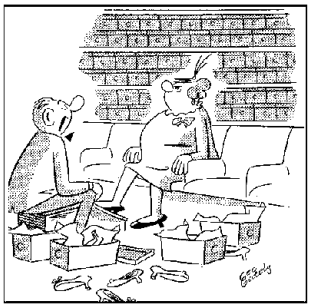

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held on Wednesday, **May 12**, at 10:30 am. This meeting will be held at the Senior Center and is also accessible via webinar.

The Friends of the Rochester Senior Center are hosting a Beef Tenderloin Supper on Thursday, **May 13**, at 5:30 pm. Dine-in or curbside pickup are available at $12 per person. Reservations required. Limit of 40 meals.

Please note that all activities at the Rochester Senior Center are required to comply with COVID-19 restrictions: face coverings must be worn in accordance with state guidelines, social distancing from people outside of your household in accordance with state guidelines, stay home if you are not feeling well, and a COVID waiver must be on file at the Rochester Senior Center prior to participation in any activities held at the Senior Center.

We provide free transportation for Rochester residents. Please call for a ride with one of our friendly drivers with as much advance notice as possible, but at least 24 hours so we can schedule a driver. Advanced notice ensures that a driver is available.

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Save Doggett Brook Farm Tour

The Rochester Land Trust is partnering with the Buzzards Bay Coalition to buy this property, protect it with a conservation restriction, and then sell it (at a loss, likely, because of the restriction) to someone who wants to buy a property with the understanding that it will be legally required to be preserved (but will be mostly usable as agriculture, minus a buffer for the waterway at the back).

If you are interested in visiting the property and learning more about the project, please join the RLT for a walking tour and open house this Saturday, **May 8**, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We will be on the property at 220 Marion Road. Please join us at your leisure during this timeframe.

Secret Gardens of Marion

Marion Garden Group will host "Secret Gardens of Marion" on Friday, **June 25**. This event will support the Marion Garden Group's mission to beautify the town gardens, entrances, and window boxes during the coming year.

Secret Gardens of Marion is a one-day event and is held rain or shine. The tour includes eight stunning private gardens throughout Marion and East Marion. Gardens and events at Sippican Historical Society, Elizabeth Taber Library, and Marion Art Center are also included. Secret Gardens of Marion starts at Bicentennial Park, 1 Spring Street, at 10:00 am and runs until 3:00 pm.

The event is open to the public. Tickets will go on sale May 1 at $35 per ticket in advance, $40 on the day of. The event is completely outdoors and will adhere to Massachusetts COVID safety protocols. To purchase tickets, go to mariongardengroup.org.

The Marion Garden Group is an organization of Marion-area residents interested in gardening. Its goals are to assist in the enhancement of the town's parks and landscape projects and to further expand members' knowledge of gardening through discussions and presentations by experts in the field.

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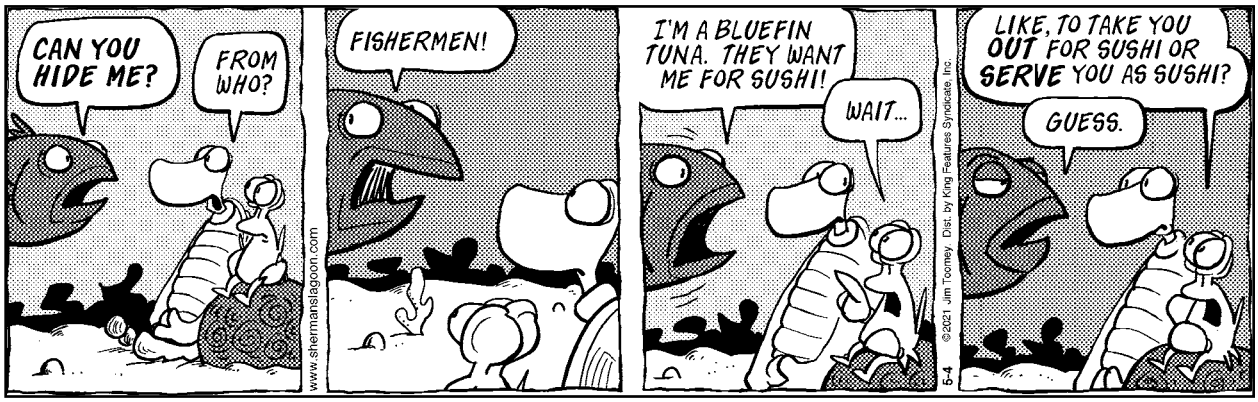

Kelcey Robertson, 11, of Rochester, was honored on April 27 by Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz with a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Certificate of Recognition as a "Hero in our Community" and given three books to add to his donation to the Tri-Town Against Racism Diversity Library for local schools. Robertson, The Wanderer's Keel Award winner in Rochester for 2020, was recognized for selling lettuce grown in his family's garden and using the money to buy books that promote diversity and inclusion for local libraries. "In recognition of your commitment and dedication to your community by taking action to address Diversity and Inclusion in the summer of 2020, during COVID-19," read the certificate that was presented during the virtual 10th Annual Open House in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month at the Plymouth County Children's Advocacy Center in Brockton. The center is a partnership between the attorney general and Brockton Area Multi Services, Inc. (BAMSI). Robertson and his mother, Amanda Baptiste, met Attorney General Cruz, Children's Advocacy Center Program Director Lisa Robinson, Attorney Jeremy Kusmin, and Maria DoCanto, director of Diversity and Inclusion at the District Attorney's office. Photos courtesy of Amanda Baptiste

Real Estate Transactions

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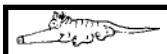
Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Higgins, Leonard C Higgins, James L Higgins, Kristen F	Higgins, James L Higgins, Kristen F	26 Randall Rd	Mattapoisett	04/14/2021	115,147.00
Bachant, William TR 9 Tyler Avenue RT	Nilson Family Trust Nilson, David E TR Nilson, Holly M TR	49 Holly Pond Rd	Marion	04/15/2021	265,000.00
Antonellis, James P	Mahoney, Kathleen TR	40 Dexter Rd	Marion	04/15/2021	1,160,000.00
Antonellis, Tiffany L	Kathleen C Mahoney LT	0 Dexter Rd			
Cordell, Jared Armstrong, Brittany	Federal National Mtg As Fannie, Mae By Atty Continental RES Inc Atty	6 Riverside Dr	Mattapoisett	04/15/2021	395,000.00
Burgo, Daniel L	Wilmington Trust N A Tr Mfra, Trust 2015-1 Planet Home Lending	40 Briggs Ln	Marion	04/15/2021	458,000.00
Mahoney, Kathleen C TR Kathleen C Mahoney LT	Downey, Matthew J TR Bodge Preserve NT	12 Fieldstone Dr	Mattapoisett	04/16/2021	800,000.00
Barry, Stephen J Hill, Catherine T	Allen, Richard J Allen, Carol A	7 Highland Ave	Mattapoisett	04/16/2021	200,000.00
Webb, Travis Thomas Webb, Christina M	Precision Restoration Inc	20 Shady Oak Dr	Mattapoisett	04/16/2021	506,000.00
Hankowski, Seth M Hankowski, Claudia	Vaitses, Stephen Proctor TR Mabel Wakeman Vaitses	32 Ocean Dr	Mattapoisett	04/16/2021	1,860,000.00
Lewis, Dana B Galary, Jacob	Ramos, Rosemarie	794 Mill St	Marion	04/20/2021	252,000.00
Crowley, Allister P Williamson, Jennie K	Risch, David F Risch, Jacqueline L Waxler, Jacqueline L Waxler, David Kelley, Diane	119 Olde Knoll Rd	Marion	04/20/2021	740,000.00

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	May 6	4:59	5:28	11:35	
Friday	May 7	5:55	6:20	12:06	12:01
Saturday	May 8	6:42	7:04	12:39	12:19
Sunday	May 9	7:24	7:44	1:09	12:46
Monday	May 10	8:03	8:20	1:41	1:18
Tuesday	May 11	8:40	8:54	2:17	1:55
Wednesday	May 12	9:16	9:26	2:56	2:33
Thursday	May 13	9:53	10:00	3:34	3:12
Friday	May 14	10:31	10:35	4:10	3:50
Saturday	May 15	11:11	11:15	4:45	4:28
Sunday	May 16	11:56		5:19	5:08
Monday	May 17	12:00	12:44	5:58	5:52
Tuesday	May 18	12:51	1:34	6:45	6:47
Wednesday	May 19	1:44	2:26	7:47	7:57
Thursday	May 20	2:39	3:21	8:56	9:16
Friday	May 21	3:38	4:20	9:55	10:29
Saturday	May 22	4:41	5:20	10:45	11:31
Sunday	May 23	5:44	6:17	11:33	

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	May 11th
	First Quarter	May 19th
	Full Moon	May 26th
	Last Quarter	June 2nd



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the April 29, 2021 edition the Aardvark was on page 6!

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Shale 2. Flower; 3. Depart; 4. Shield

Today's Word

WADDLE

Sudoku Answer

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9	5	3	1	2	7	6	8	4
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